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NEW YORK.

Escape of Genet, a Convicted Ring Thief.

Two Persons Murdered by Robbers.

NEW YORK, December 22, 1873.

Escape of a Ring Thief.

Harry Genet, the latest convicted member of the late Ring, was permitted to visit his wife in charge of a Deputy Sheriff last night, and has not been seen since. He was to be sentenced to-day. Sheriff Brennan offers a reward of five thousand dollars for his recapture.

The Ring Trials.

In the Court of Oyer and Terminer to-day, Judge Daniels characterized the escape of Genet as gross neglect and gross misconduct on the part of the Deputy Sheriff, but said that until it was ascertained that the steps for his recapture were unsuccessful, no action will be taken in the matter. Genet's counsel said they would proceed to perfect their bill of exceptions. When the cases of Michael Norton, Thomas J. Connor, John J. Walsh, and George S. Miller, Court House Commissioners under the Ring, were called for trial on charges of misdemeanor, the defendants failed to appear and the bail was forfeited.

Andrew J. Smith, indicted for the same offence, pleaded not guilty. Smith's counsel described his client as the "last rose of summer, left blooming alone; his lovely companions are faded and gone."

The trial of Ex-Mayor Hall commenced to-day, and the work of procuring a jury is progressing.

Punishment in Prospect for Sheriff Brennan and His Deputy.

Judge Daniels to-day granted an order, returnable to-morrow, against Sheriff Brennan and his Deputy, Shields, requiring them to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt in disregarding the order to produce Genet. It appears that on Saturday last the Assistant District Attorney wrote to Sheriff Brennan, assuring him that Genet would try to escape.

An order was given by the Court on Saturday for the confinement of Genet in the Tombs until the sentence had been pronounced. The order of the Court was entirely ignored by the Sheriff.

The latest rumor in regard to the escape is that Genet embarked on his own yacht, which had been loaded with provisions and filled with friends in readiness for his flight.

Horrible Murder.

A cry of murder was heard issuing from a five-story tenement house, No. 204 Bowery street, early this morning, and on the police entering they found on the second landing the body of Michael Ryan, with his throat cut. The police then went into the room occupied by the deceased, and there found the body of his sister, with her throat also cut. It was thought at first that Ryan had killed his sister and then himself, but an investigation showed that his pockets were rifled, bank book missing, and his watch and chain wrenched from his vest, which article of clothing was found on the roof.

The Brooklyn Church Troubles.

The committee of the Church of the Pilgrims and Clinton Avenue Church, Brooklyn, have addressed a letter to Henry Ward Beecher and the members of Plymouth Church, declaring that the denominational alliance with that church will be suspended should they affirm their previous proclamation of the right of Plymouth Church to judge in every case what fellowship, advice or assistance may, according to the laws of Christ, properly be offered, or received from, other churches.

FOREIGN.

WEST INDIES.

Trouble Brewing in Hayti.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, December 13.—President Sagot, of Hayti, will not vacate his office unless General Dimingue is declared his successor, and a portion of the House of Representatives say he shall not be President. Trouble in consequence is imminent.

Railways in Jamaica.

A company is forming here and in London for the extension of railways throughout Jamaica.

Yellow Fever at Port Royal.

The yellow fever has broken out among the Europeans at Port Royal. The disease has also made its appearance among the white troops.

Gonzales Elected President of San Domingo.

HAVANA, December 22.—News has been received from San Domingo that General Ignacio Gonzales has been elected President of the Republic. The new administration will probably endeavor to annul the Samana lease.

FRANCE.

Imperfect Postal Arrangement With the United States.

PARIS, December 22.—In the Assembly to-day several members alluded to the imperfect postal arrangement between France and the United States, and urged the Government to hasten the signing of the pending convention. They complained of the present situation, declaring it to be injurious to French commerce and intolerable to the people at large.

The Financial Secretary replied that it was the Government's earnest desire to harmonize the interests of the two countries, and a speedy understanding was expected.

SUMATRA.

Submission of the Acheenese to the Dutch.

THE HAGUE, December 22.—A dispatch from Penang, December 20, announces that the Dutch troops occupied both banks of the river running through Acheen. The Sultan, seeing defeat inevitable, has given in his submission to the Dutch commander.

CHICAGO.

Workingmen Demanding Work or Support.

CHICAGO, December 22.—In accordance with the programme adopted at the workingmen's meeting held at Turner Hall last night, the committee appointed for that purpose went this evening to the Council Chamber, escorted by an irregular procession, which numbered by the time it reached the city hall perhaps 3,000 persons, and presented the resolutions adopted at last night's meeting, asking that the city give them work, or in the event of being unable to do this, to furnish them and their families support until work could be obtained. The Chairman of the committee, F. A. Hoffman, Jr., a young lawyer, made a short speech, to the effect that the resolutions embodied all that the workingmen desired of the city Government, and asking for their demands a careful hearing.

The resolutions were received and referred, after some discussion, to a special committee, consisting of the Mayor, the Finance Committee and nine Aldermen, three from each division of the city, who will to-morrow have a conference with a committee of the workingmen appointed for that purpose. Mayor Colvin made a speech in reply to the committee, assuring them of his sympathy with the class they represented and of his earnest desire to aid them in any practicable way. The committee then retired, and on reaching the crowd outside, the chairman reported the result of their visit to the Council, and advised them to return to their homes. The crowd, a large portion of which appeared to have gathered more out of curiosity than anything else, then dispersed.

PHILADELPHIA.

Strike of Dock Laborers.

PHILADELPHIA, December 22.—The dock laborers struck to-day, resisting a reduction of wages from thirty to twenty cents per hour. One steamship company is paying thirty cents to secure the unloading of their vessels which arrived on Saturday, but another company has obtained all the laborers they need at twenty cents. The strikers marched along the docks, assaulting those who remained at work. The police dispersed the rioters and arrested the ringleaders.

OBITUARY.

Sir Gillery Pigott.

LONDON, December 22.—Sir Gillery Pigott, Baron of the Exchequer, is dead.

The Alleged "Salting" of the Eureka Mine.

ST. LAKE, UTAH, December 22.—There is much public sympathy here for Jacob Lawrence and Whitney, arrested on a charge of swindling in regard to the Eureka mine. The use of irons on Whitney is denounced as a gross outrage by the press. The idea of salting Eureka is ridiculed by experts.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

—David Nesbett was hanged in Lindsay, Canada, on Monday, for shooting Miss Hopewood on the 12th of July last.

—The Receiver of the Washington City Savings Bank is paying 20 per cent. on deposits under and 10 per cent. over fifty dollars. This is the first distribution from the assets.

—The Attorney General has recommended to the President the pardon of Marion Fowler, Wm. Ramsey and John Whitlock, convicted Ku-Klux, now serving terms of imprisonment in the Albany prison.

EVANSVILLE, December 22.—Cloudy and cold; light snow; mercury 30 to 38. River fallen one foot. Up—Andy Baum, 9 P. M.; Quickstep, 8 A. M.; George Roberts, 9; Morning Star, 10; Florence Lee, 4. P. M.; Bowling Green, 8. Down—Arlington and Thomas Sherlock, 7 A. M.; Fayette, 10:30; Arkansas Belle, 5 P. M.—generally with light trips. Business dull.

AGASSIZ.

Incidents in his Life—His Love for Children—Personal Popularity—Methods of Work—His Chief Helpmate.

No man has recently died, who commanded a more general and earnest interest than Agassiz, the scientist. The following concerning his love of children, and his habits of working, will be read with interest:

A friend tells me of an instance which well illustrates his tenderness for children. Once while conducting some scientific experiments, it became necessary to have some water immediately. Agassiz seized a pitcher and ran out to a pump near by. He went out quickly, but was slow in coming back. They waited twice as long for the water as would have sufficed to bring it, and then went out to see what was the matter. There sat Agassiz, down by the pump, his legs crossed, and a little child, which he was fondly soothing and caressing, nestled in between them. In his haste at the pump he had accidentally struck the child standing near by. Though the blow was of little account, the exigencies at science seemed to him the less important, and he had to put down his pitcher and open his heart. When deeply engaged in scientific investigation he would leave his work to solace and fondle a child that had strayed into his room, and the interrupted mental process seemed to be resumed without difficulty.

Agassiz was a philanthropist by nature. He was fond of "doing good as he had opportunity."

"Who can I get to make some drawings for me?" I asked once.

"Take ——; he is a good draughtsman, and he needs money; it will help him along."

One day from my window I noticed a horse and buggy standing on the street. The horse had been carelessly hitched, had worked himself loose, and, having moved a little way out in the street, seemed inclined to go off with an empty wagon. A student and a minister of the gospel in turn passed that way, but neither made any effort to keep the horse from straying. Presently I saw Agassiz coming down the avenue, apparently absorbed in deep thought, his eyes bent upon the ground. He stopped when he got to the horse, and, without seeming to take his thought off the subject on which he was engaged, picking up the hitching-strap, tied the horse, and went on, leaving the owner ignorant that any body had done him a favor.

It is one of the traditions among the old belles of Cambridge that when Agassiz came there he was regarded as the handsomest man they had seen. The tradition does not need much testimony; for even to the day of his death he was handsome, especially when he smiled. It was a wonderful what an illuminating effect that smile had. His personal attractions, geniality and attention to little courtesies, always made him a favorite with the ladies. They attended his school in large numbers. There was not a great deal of discipline there; the rule was that you must speak in French, but there was great deal of whispering in English which the teacher somehow overlooked. This worship of the man was not confined to Cambridge. It would be hard to name a place in the country where Agassiz had been that he was not affectionately canonized. On his return from the Hassler expedition he could not slip quietly into the Lowell Institute to hear his friend Pratt lecture without being observed and compelled by a perfect thunderstorm of applause to bow again and again his recognition of the tribute. He was a sort of pope in Boston.

"Do you see that man sitting over in that corner there?" said an intelligent reporter of a Boston paper to me.

"Yes."

"Well, that is Agassiz. *He knows everything.*"

He was always indifferent to money where science was concerned. He spent it lavishly whenever he could get it, often for things which would not make show for the public, but which were invaluable for the pursuit of scientific truth. He was not a business man nor a financier. If he wanted money for his museum he would appeal to his friends and the public, and was sure to get it. Then he would spend it rapidly for collections or improvements, confident that he would get more when he needed it.

He was also singularly unmethodical in his habits. Men who live and work by rule would be puzzled to understand how Agassiz managed to do so much without these helps. He lived and worked by inspiration. If he was suddenly seized with an interest in some scientific inquiry, he would pursue it at once, putting by perhaps other work in which he had just fairly got started. "I always like to take advantage of my productive moods," he said to me. Thus often he had several irons in the fire, only one of which might ultimately be finished. Probably he saw that the last iron promised to work up better than the first. He never could be made to work like a machine, turning out a definite quantity at regular intervals. He never felt bound to regard the rule that you must finish one thing before you begin another, so emphatically presented in the old school-books. His was a method of working which would be ruinous to any man who had not wonderful faculties, far sight and insight. With his great logical brain and his marvelous powers of observation, there was united a certain telescopic intuition which made his view of probabilities something more than a guess. He never proposed his own methods of workings as a model for others. Once, however, in my presence a near relative ventured to ask him if he did not think he would accomplish more if he finished one thing before he began another. "Every man must work according to his own method," he replied. He was in himself a great contradiction of the methods by which many have won success. He achieved, but it was after his own way. It was frequently a hard thing to get him to sign a paper, or write a letter (except for somebody else), or to look over accounts or reports, or do little routine work. Yet he could never have attained his great eminence in science if he had not paid in this department great attention to the minutest and apparantly the most insignificant details. Looking at the drawing of a fish made by his artist, he said, after taking a single glance, "It is a beautiful drawing, but don't you see you have left out two or three of the scales." This story, which I have seen elsewhere, is vouched for by the draughtsman who formerly drew his specimens for him.

I know what these silent lips would say if just here their testimony could be gathered. It would be a testimony as sweet and beautiful as that of John Stuart Mill to the helpmate he so devoutly loved. It may be a fact less familiar to the public, but it is one well known to Prof. Agassiz's friends, that his wife was his complement and in every sense a helpmate. What the Professor lacked in order, method, or business habits, was abundantly supplied by Mrs. Agassiz. It was her graceful and assiduous pen that recast and put into more classic molds the Professor's ready English. It was her constant encouragement and stimulus that supported the Professor in new and difficult undertakings. Her counsel was always listened to with respect. It is safe to say that we should not have had so many of his works put in a permanent form in English if it had not been for her earnest co-operation. The Professor, as all know, was a ready lecturer and always delivered his addresses without manuscript. In all of his lectures and speeches near home Mrs. Agassiz accompanied him whenever possible and took copious notes, and thus preserved the thought for future use. All official communications for the press passed through her hands. She wrote much from his dictation, attended to a great many of his business details, and in a thousand ways forwarded his work. Every word of praise we bestow on the silent dead is an unuttered recognition of her who shared alike his labors and his rewards.

Let us hope that she who knew him better than any or all of us, may crownthis life of devotion by compiling and giving to the world her own record—long since begun—of the genius and work of him whose departure has left such a void in our hearts.

BOOK NOTICES.

THE CAXTONS A Family Picture. By Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton, Bart. Complete in one volume. Published by J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia, and for sale in Pittsburgh by R. S. Davis & Co., Liberty street.

This is considered by many as decidedly the best of Bulwer's compositions. There is nothing of the sensationalism of some of his previous works. It paints an opulent country life, delineating phases of the city, and the author's real scholarship does not find elsewhere equal expression. The edition is gotten up in the Messrs. Lippincott's invariably good and attractive style, and is certain to have an extensive sale.

THE WOMEN OF THE ARABS. With a Chapter for Children. By Henry Harris Joseph, D. D., Seventeen Years American Missionary in Syria. Edited by Rev. S. C. Robinson, D. D., and Rev. Isaac Riley. Published by Dodd & Mead, New York, and for sale in Pittsburgh by R. S. Davis & Co., Liberty street.

This book is dedicated to the Christian women of America. The author's long residence in Syria gave him unsurpassed opportunities for observation, furnishing him abundant material, and a vast amount of interesting instruction is imparted. The volume abounds in useful information and closes with stories and incidents for children. The book has numerous illustrations, and specimens of Arabic poetry and writing. Its value to many American denominations cannot be over-estimated.

PEN PICTURES OF EUROPE. By Elizabeth Peake. With numerous illustrations. Published by Messrs. J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia, and for sale in Pittsburgh by Messrs. R. S. Davis & Co., Liberty street.

Mrs. Peake has recently been making an European tour of several months and jotted down her thoughts and observations as she went along, and the result is, she has produced an excellent guide book. With so much to see, however, and so little space in which to tell what is seen, anything like completeness could hardly be expected, but the author has shown how much can be seen and learned and stowed away in the memory during a hurried trip through Europe. The book contains over one hundred and sixty illustrations of historical scenery and buildings. No one can read it without much profit and pleasure.

VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE FOR 1874, Published Quarterly by James Vick, Rochester, N. Y. Price 25 cents a year.

One of the handsomest and most valuable aids to good taste in decorations ever published in this country is "Vick's Floral Guide". It pictures and describes floral decorations for churches, parlors, ceilings, tables, rockeries, vases and gardens, and then, after pricing and picturing the flowers, does the same good office for vegetables and fruits. Flowers are arranged in many beautiful forms, suitable for almost every occasion, and useful information is imparted throughout on almost every subjec tconnected with gardening, horticulture and decorations. Send for a copy.

SECOND EDITION.

Four O'Clock.

THE CAPITAL.

Opinion of the Attorney General in the Virginius Case.

The Vessel not Entitled to Carry the U. S. Flag.

The American Register Obtained by Fraud.

The Right of Spain to Capture her on the High Seas Denied.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, December 22, 1873.

The Status of the Virginius.

The opinion of the Attorney General, given to-day, based upon evidence furnished by the Spanish Government through the State Department, that the Virginius at the time of the capture was not entitled to carry the American flag, and had, according to the Spanish evidence, obtained an American register by fraud, but that Spain nevertheless had no right to capture her on the high seas, much less butcher the passengers and crew, is regarded here, even by moderate Democrats, as a triumphant vindication of the whole course of President Grant's administration in the premises. As long ago as June 14th, 1858, President Buchanan, having trouble with Great Britain relating to the case of a similar Virginius, called a special session of the Senate, which after a two days' debate, unanimously resolved that American vessels on the high seas carrying the American flag remain under our jurisdiction, and therefore any visitation, detention or molestation of such vessels by any foreign power is in derogation of the United States sovereignty, and that the Senate approve the action of the executive in sending a naval force into the infested seas, with orders to protect all American vessels. The resolutions, unanimously adopted on June 16, 1858, formed our basis of the settlement of the Virginius affair, and to-day's opinion of the Attorney General is in strict accordance therewith. The Virginius was, according to the Spanish evidence, violating the United States law of 1792 when captured. She is, therefore, amenable to the United States only. There is to be further investigation upon this point by the Register of the Treasury. The record shows her clearly entitled to carry the American flag. To day's opinion of the Attorney General is not intended to release Spain from her obligations. The Fish-Polo agreement will be carried out to the letter.

DIAMOND.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

WASHINGTON, December 22, 1873.

Opinion of the Attorney General in the Virginius Case.

The following is the opinion of Attorney General Williams in the Virginius case:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. WASHINGTON, December 17.—Hon. Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State: Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter on the 11th inst., submitting to me a large number of documents and depositions, and asking for my opinion as to whether or not the Virginius at the time of her capture by the spanish man-of-war Tornado was entitled to carry the flag of the United States, and whether or not she was carrying it improperly and without right at that time. These questions arise under the protocol of the 29th ult. between the Spanish Minister and the Secretary of State, in which, among other things, it is agreed that on the 25th inst. Spain shall salute the flag of the United States. But it is further provided that if Spain should prove to the satisfaction of the United States that the Virginius was not entitled to carry the flag of the United States, and was carrying it at the time of the capture without right and improperly, the salute will be spontaneously dispensed with, as in such case not being necessarily requirable; but the United States will expect in such case a disclaimer of intent of indignity to its flag in the act which was committed.

A section of the act of December 31, 1792, provides that ships or vessels registered pursuant to such act, and no other, except such as shall be duly qualified according to law for carrying on a coasting trade, and denominated or deemed ships or vessels of the United States, be entitled to the benefits and privileges appertaining to such ships.

Section 4 of the same act provides for an oath by which, among other things, to obtain the registry of a vessel. The owner is required to swear that there is not a subject or citizen of any foreign Prince or State, directly or indirectly, by way of trust, confidence, or otherwise, interested in such ship or vessel, or in the profits or issues thereof.

Obviously, therefore, no vessel in which a foreigner is directly or indirectly interested is entitled to a United States registry, and if one is obtained by a false oath as to that point, and the fact is that the vessel is owned or partly owned by foreigners, she cannot be deemed a vessel of the United States, or entitled to the benefits or privileges appertaining to such vessels.

The Virginius was registered in New York on the 26th of September, 1870, in the name of Patterson, who made oath, as required by law, but the depositions submitted abundantly show that in fact Patterson was not the owner at that time, but that the vessel was the property of certain Cuban citizens in New York, who furnished the necessary funds for her purchase. J. E Shepperd, who commanded said vessel when she left New York, with a certificate of her register in the name of Patterson, testified positively that he entered into an agreement to command said vessel at an interview between Quesada, Moro, Patterson and others, at which it was distinctly understood that the Virginius belonged to Quesada, Moro and other Cubans, and that said Moro exhibited to him receipts for the purchase money and for repairs and supplies upon said steamer, and explained to him how said funds were raised among the Cubans in New York. Adolpha de Varona, who was Secretary of the Cuban mission in New York at the time the Virginius was purchased, and afterwards acted in her as Quesada's chief of staff, testifies that he was acquainted with all the details of the transactions, and knows that the Virginius was purchased with the funds of Cubans, and with the understanding and arrangement that Patterson should appear as the nominal owner, because foreigners could not obtain a United States register for the vessel. Francis Bowen, Chas. Smith, Edward Greenwood, John McCann, Matt. Murphy, Ambrose Rowlings, Thos. Gallagher, John Furlong, Thos. Anderson and Geo. A. Miller, who were employed upon the Virginius in various capacities after she was registered in the name of Patterson, testify clearly to the effect that they were informed and understood while they were upon the vessel that she belonged to Quesada and Cubans represented by him, and that he navigated, controlled and treated such vessel in all respects as though it was his property. Nothing appears to weaken the force of this testimony, though the witnesses were generally subjected to cross-examination; but, on the contrary, all the circumstances of the case tend to its corroboration with the oath for registry.

The statute requires a bond to be given, signed by the owner, captain and one or two more sureties; but there were no sureties upon the bond given by Patterson and Sheppard. Pains have been taken to ascertain if there was any insurances upon the vessel, but nothing of the kind has been found, and Quesada, Varona and other Cubans who took passage upon the Virginius, instead of going on board at the wharf in the usual way, went aboard of a tug after the vessel had left the harbor of New York.

I cannot do otherwise than to hold upon this evidence that Patterson's oath was false, and that the registry, furnished in the name of Patterson upon the navigation laws of the United States. Assuming the question to be what appears to be the intent of the protocol, whether or not the Virginius at the time of her capture had a right, as against the United States, to carry the American flag, I am of the opinion that she had no such right, because she had not been registered according to law, but I am also of the opinion that she was as much exempt from interference on the high seas by another power on that ground as though she had been lawfully registered. Spain no doubt has a right to capture a vessel with an American register and carrying the American flag found in her own waters, assisting or endeavoring to assist the insurrection in Cuba, but she has no right to capture such a vessel on the high seas upon an apprehension that in violation of the neutrality or navigation laws of the United States she was on her way to assist said rebellion. Spain may defend her territory and people from the hostile attack of what is or appears to be an American vessel, but she has no jurisdiction whatever over the question as to whether or not such vessel is on the high seas in violation of any law of the United States. Spain cannot rightfully raise that question as to the Virginius, but the United States may, and, as I understand the protocol, they have agreed to do it, and governed by that agreement, and without admitting that Spain would otherwise have any interest in the question, I decide that the Virginius at the time of her capture was without right and improperly carrying the American flag.

Very Respectfully

(Signed) GEO. H. WILLIAMS,
Attorney General.

Legal Tenders Outstanding.

The outstanding legal tenders amount to $376,194,962.

THE VIRGINIUS.

Account of the Surrender of the Survivors.

Touching Demonstrations of Joy.

NEW YORK, December 22. — The *Tribune's* Key West telegram gives an account of the surrender of the Virginius prisoners to Lieut. Commander Braine, of the Juniata. It appears that the Spanish authorities to the last moment kept the poor wretches in ignorance of their prospective release, and with base inhumanity led them to suppose that they were to be executed. Priests were with them, taking their confessions and dying declarations, and imploring them to look to God for pardon. They were taken out of the prison in despair, but on their way to the slaughter pen, as they supposed, their eyes fell upon the Juniata, flying the flag of the United States, when they realized the truth. A scene occurred which beggars description. Their enthusiasm knew no bounds. They were speedily transferred to the deck of the Juniata, and gave vent to the most extravagant but

Touching Demonstrations of Joy,

embracing each other, some crying, some kissing, and others audibly offering thanks to the Almighty for their deliverance from the horrors of their dungeon and the prospect of an ignominious death.

On the night before the surrender the officers and crew of the Juniata were stationed at quarters, her guns being turned on the city, the Spanish volunteers having been excited to an open riot by the rumor that the surrender was to take place. A large number of volunteers went in a body to the Governor's palace and begged permission to attempt the capture of the Juniata, saying that they could do it with knives alone. The Governor refused to grant them the permission. Our officers believe that the application was made in earnest, and not a few regret that it was not favorably entertained, as the Juniata alone, not to speak of the Kansas or Pinta, would have been more than a match for their assailants.

On the arrival of the Pinta at Santiago, orders came to the ship from Commander Braine for the paymaster to issue all the blankets and pea jackets in his department to the prisoners, who were hardly fit to be seen in their rags. This was speedily done, but as there was still great destitution, orders came for every man on board to give their own blankets and wearing apparel in the good cause, the promise being made that all would be replaced on the arrival of the ship at Key West. The officers and men cheerfully complied with this order, only preferring that it should be issued as a request, in which case they should have obeyed with just as much alacrity. Every heart was touched by the pitiable condition of the prisoners. The poor fellows report that they were barbarously treated.

The surrender took place at Morro Castle, six miles below Sandy Point. A receipt was given for the prisoners. It was reported at Santiago that when it was found that the Virginius had been towed out of the harbor of Havana a large number of naval officers of high grade tendered their resignations to the Home Government by telegraph.

WEATHER REPORT.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER,
WASHINGTON, D. C., 7:30 P. M., Dec. 22, 1873.

Probabilities for To-day.

For New England, and thence westward over the northern portion of the Middle States and lower lake region, clear or partly cloudy weather, with low temperature, will prevail during the day, followed by increasing cloudiness and threatening weather in the lower lake region by Wednesday morning.

For the Eastern gulf, and thence northward over the States of the Ohio valley, northerly to westerly winds, and generally cloudy weather and rain, followed by clearing weather in the lower Mississippi valley.

For the Northwest and upper lake region, less pressure, with slight changes in temperature, and partly cloudy weather, except from Lake Michigan southwestward to the Missouri valley. In this region threatening weather and rain or snow will prevail.

For the canal regions of New York and Pennsylvania, the temperature will remain below freezing.

CINCINNATI.

Demonstration by Workingmen.

CINCINNATI, December 22.—A procession of eight hundred to one thousand laboring men, mostly Germans, made demonstrations to day by marching through the streets. They assembled in Fountain Square, and sent for Gen. Samuel F. Carey, who addressed them, counseling moderation, reminding them that capitalists and employers as well as they were suffering from the times. The procession went to the Mayor's officers and were met by the Chief of Police, who met them as the representative of the Mayor. The speeches made there were only an exchange of compliments. A representative of the procession thanked the Mayor and denounced the other members of the Board of Improvement for lowering their daily wages.

Indian Raids.

OMAHA, NEB., December 22.—General Ord, commanding the Department of the Platte, received a telegram on Saturday evening from Fort Laramie, stating that several parties of Indians were killing stock in the vicinity of Scott's Bluffs and Horse Creek, situated about ninety miles north of the Union Pacific road from Sidney. He immediately issued orders to the commandants at Fort Laramie and Sidney Barracks to send scounting parties out after these Indians, to scout the country on and between Laurens Fork and Scott's Bluffs.

Marine News.

LIVERPOOL, December 22.—The steamships City of Brussels, France and Westphalia, from New York, and Ohio and Nederland, from Philadelphia, have arrived out.

NEW YORK, December 22.—The steamships Georgia, from Glasgow, and Celtic and City of Chester, from Liverpool, have arrived.

TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER.

The Western Union Telegraph Co. Swallows the Pacific and Atlantic.

The directors and stockholders of the Pacific and Atlantic Telegraph Company held a meeting this city a few days ago, and it was decided to perpetually lease the lines of that company to the Western Union Telegraph Company, the formal transfer to be made on the first of January, but on the 27th inst., all the offices of the P. & A. lines at points were the W. U. has offices will be closed. The Western Union Company agrees to pay four per cent. annually on the stock, and such an arrangement that will no doubt prove acceptable to the lessees, inasmuch as the P. & A. Company has never heretofore paid any dividends, the expenses being equal to all the earnings. The capital stock of the company is two millions of dollars. Its lines extend from New York via Philadelphia and Baltimore to Pittsburgh, Columbus, Indianapolis, St. Louis and St. Paul, branching at Dubuque to Chicago, and thence to Cincinnati, Louisville, Nashville, Memphis and New Orleans. It has 5,000 miles of line and 10,000 miles of wire. Its gross annual receipts have been about $500,000. Mr. W. G. Johnston President of the P. & A. Company, has prepared a circular to be sent to all the employes along the line, stating the change and the reason therefor. At all points where both companies have offices they will be consolidated, and wherever one line will be sufficient to do the business the other will be abandoned. The circular states that all competent employes will be furnished with employment under the new management. The offices here will be consolidated, but the amount of business done will require all the wires of both lines from the east.

A Grand Display.

We should be negligent of the interests of our readers should we neglect to inform them of the really excellent assortment of jewelry goods in store by the well known and well-established jeweler, Mr. E. P. Roberts of No. 16 Fifth avenue. Mr. Roberts makes direct importations from Europe of large quantities of goods in his line, and is thus enabled to offer them to his patrons at prices as low, if not lower, than the same can be bought in the eastern markets. In enumerating we should mention: Fine Watches, Chains, Rich Jewelry, Bracelets, necklaces, Lockets and Crosses, Silver Ware of sterling quality and beautiful designs, and very elegant Silver Plated Ware, Antique Bronzes and French Clocks of new designs and of most beautiful ornamentation. Of Bronzes and French Clocks, Mr. Roberts makes a specialty, and his collection of these goods is undoubtedly very fine, and embraces a vast variety. He also offers on these goods special prices, as indeed the whole assortment is offering at prices the closest and lowest.

A First Class Establishment.

Just at this time, while holiday purchases are being made, we would recommend the sterling hat, cap and fur house of Messrs. Heimberger & Logan, No. 99 Smithfield street. They are young and enterprising and do business on the basis of square dealing and treating all alike. The firm is well established and everything purchased of them, may be relied upon, as being just as represented. They have on hand an elegant stock of Ladies' Fine Furs, Gold Headed Canes, Gents' Seal Goods, Ladies' Seal Goods, Silk Umbrellas, and in fact, everything obtainable in any first class establishment of this kind. Their prices will be found as low as the lowest, and their goods as good as the best. As an extra inducement, specie is given in change to all customers purchasing of Heimberger & Logan. Remember that their store is No. 99 Smithfield street, where none but the best quality of goods are kept and all articles will be found just as represented or money refunded.

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THE COURTS.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Criminal Court.

[*Before Judge Sterrett.*]

Lena Hoffman was tried and found guilty of assault and battery, on oath of Frank Hoffman. A verdict of not guilty was rendered in a cross suit for the same offence, preferred by the wife. He was directed to pay the costs, however.

August Breckley was found guilty of larceny, on oath of Milo P. Scott, and recommended to the mercy of the Court.

Daniel Brown was found guilty of larceny, on oath of Thomas R. Chester, and the Court sentenced the accused to the Workhouse for six months.

Adam Schaffer was convicted of a charge of larceny, founded on the oath of George Muller. The Court sentenced the accused to the Workhouse for one year.

Alex. Swords was placed on trial for the larceny of two dollars from William Owens. The case is on trial.

Theresa Weisenberger plead guilty to the larceny of a ring, on oath of Kate Winters.

Trial List for To-day.

Commonwealth vs.

Fred. Bloomer,	Thomas McGeehan,
Catharine McFilley,	Samuel Murphy,
Jos. Rogers (2),	Isaac Curry,
John Zinser,	Ida Slair,
John Thompson,	Henry Porter,
John A. Strain,	Anna Silar,
J. F. Morris	Jeffrey Purcell,
N. Beaumot, et al.	Adolph Zwanzig,
Martin Ludwig,	Fred. Diffenbach & Ray.

Michael Ranz.

Common Pleas Court.

[*Before Judges Stowe and Collier.*]

The cases of the P. V. & C. R. R. Co. vs. George W. Cass, and the case of Bourne vs. the Roman Catholic Orphans' Asylum, previously reported, are still before Judges Stowe and Collier.

A petition was filed by A. McFarland for the appointment of appraisers to fix the value of the property of Samuel Williams, who has made a voluntary assignment to the aforesaid McFarland, for the benefit of his creditors.

An order was made by Judge Stowe directing the removal, from Dixmont Hospital, of James I Woods, on the certificate of Dr. J. A. Reed, that the said patient had entirely recovered.

District Court.

[*Before Judges Ewing and White.*]

The case of J. Sharp McDonald vs. the owners of the "Tom Dodsworth" is still on trial before Judge Ewing.

In room No. 2 Judge White was still hearing testimony in the case of Laman vs. Huckenstein, which has occupied the court for some days. This is an action to recover for the lease of a certain stone quarry in Allegheny City, formerly Reserve township, belonging to Mr. Laman, Sr., to John Huckenstein. The lease is dated September 8, 1868, and no difficulties arose during the run of said lease, but upon its expiration the road was destroyed by Huckestein so that he could get no stone out of his quarry.

Suit was instituted yesterday by Wm. Wagner, a coal miner, against John M. Davis, editor of the *Labor Tribune*, for damages for libel. An article which appeared in the *Tribune* recently in relation to the coal strike, reflected somewhat severely on Wagner, and a criminal suit for libel followed. To this the editor waived a hearing and entered bail for Court. The complainant now asks for damages, and a capias was issued by the Prothonotary.

U. S. District Court.

[*Before Judge McCandless.*]

Morris & Lewis of Philadelphia, filed a petition in bankruptcy against S. Frankenstein, of Clarion county.

Morris A. Tynberg, of New York City, filed a similar petition against Abraham Simon, of Parker's Landing.

Cornell & Amerman, of New York City, also filed a similar petition against D. Harris & Bro., of Titusville. The usual orders were made.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

J. R. Weldin & Co.'s Display.

The holidays are upon us, and the streets are thronged with merry faces full bent upon the pleasant pastime of buying presents for the loved ones at home. During our rambles among the prominent Christmas resorts, we visited the well known establishment of J. R. Weldin & Co., 101 Wood street, near Diamond, and we say without hesitation, that these gentlemen have the finest display of elegant books and fancy articles ever offered for sale in this city. Each and every line of goods is perfectly complete. If you want a fine pocket book, you have over three hundred kinds to select from; if a gold pen, they guarantee to suit the most fastidious; if a writing desk, album or family bible, one whole room is devoted to the sale of these articles. Of elegant books they have the most costly collection that could be procured in the East, and as for fancy articles, you will be surprised and delighted with the odd and beautiful specimens which line their shelves.

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C. A. Briggs, Esq., Clarion, bought a Steinway Square Piano.

Thomas Scott, Esq., bought a Steinway Upright Piano.

R. S. Sproull, Westmoreland county, bought a Steinway Square Piano.

P. N. Guthrie, Esq., bought a Steinway Upright Piano.

James E. Stevenson, Esq., bought a Steinway Square Grand Piano.

Wm. Noble, Esq., bought a Steinway Upright Cabinet Grand Piano.

Mrs. F. A. Barlow, Washington, Pa., bought a Steinway Square Piano.

Rev. W. G. Taylor, Phillipsburgh, bought a Steinway Square Piano.

Edward Clark, Esq., bought a Steinway Double Round Piano.

Louis Walther, Esq., Millvale, bought a Steinway Square Piano.

Ogden Bolton, Esq., bought a Steinway Upright Piano.

Mrs. Ella Sourbeck, Alliance, Ohio, bought a Steinway Upright Piano.

John Metz, Esq., bought a Steinway Square Piano.

F. W. Sanderson, Esq., Youngstown, Ohio, bought a Steinway Square Piano.

George Mashey, Esq., bought a Steinway Square Grand Piano, etc.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1873.

BONDS at Frankfort 97½.

PETROLEUM at Antwerp 39f.

GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 110¾.

THE rumor is current that the English Government will demand and enforce the trial of Burriel, the Santiago butcher. The rumor lacks confirmation at this writing; but it has been intimated before this that if our Government did not enforce this point, the English would.

AFTER a long and bitter struggle, Governor Booth, of California, has been elected to represent that State in the United States Senate. This is a victory for the anti-monopolists, and is creditable in every respect. The fight there is with the central Pacific Railroad, and those who seek to rear up a gigantic monopoly. The people have risen up against it, and have triumphed.

THE Captain of the "Loch Earn" ascribes the loss of the "Ville du Havre" entirely to the mismanagement of that vessel. Much sympathy is expressed in Europe for the relatives and friends of those who were lost, and, in some instances, public subscriptions are recommended. We commend, to the people of this country, the case of the Geneva Professor Prosper, whose large family is left destitute by his death.

THE Cuban Junta, of New York, flatly deny that the "Virginius" was owned by them, declaring that the moneys paid Patterson were simply for services and as guarantee against loss. If the decision of Attorney General Williams was made up on an *ex parte* statement of the case, it is manifestly unjust, as it is declared that much of the evidence relied on was secured by means of perjury. It now looks as if the State Department were seeking to conciliate the Spaniards.

IT IS quite amusing to see how easily our neighbor the *Telegraph* can change its opinions on the new Constitution. Before the election it asserted that if the new Constitution was carried there could be no session of the Legislature this Winter, and stuck to it up till yesterday, when it experienced another flip flop, and comes to the conclusion the Legislature will convene and hold its regular session, commencing in January. We must confess we are somewhat annoyed at noticing our cotemporary's frequent summersaults, and would suggest that it drop the question, for a few days at least.

THERE is probably just this much in the rumor that Spain has demanded the return of the "Virginius" and her prisoners: She wishes to break the force of our demand for indemnity, and employs this method of doing so. A better case would be to demand damages for the aid and assistance given by the "Virginius" to the Cubans. But even here, Spain is at fault, in that she made no complaint to our Government, and withheld the proof that our flag was being illegally carried, or wrongfully used. And more than this, the Government has taken vigorous measures to bring the guilty parties to punishment, if their whereabouts can be ascertained.

THE New York *Herald* is not invariably reliable as authority, and we repeat, with this reservation, its editorial statement to the effect that the commander of the British war vessel "Niobe" has supported Don Palacios in his expedition against Guatemala, San Salvador and Honduras, by bombarding Omoa, under the pretence that a demand for indemnity for some fancied wrong to British subjects had not been complied with. During this bombardment, Palacios landed his forces. The design attributed to England is that of securing the trade of Central America, and the control of valuable transit routes to the Pacific Ocean.

WE GAVE a short time since, a brief account of the progress of the efforts in Mexico to develop a railway scheme, whereby that country would be linked with this. A contract has just been executed between a corporation and the Mexican Government, by which the latter binds itself to grant a subsidy of $14,500 per mile, subject to the approval of legislative authority. The main line of the road runs from the capital to the port of San Blas, on the Pacific, with a branch to the Rio Grande. The entire length of the route, including the branch, is 1,500 miles. The subsidy is in the form of Government bonds, issued to the company, the payment of which is provided for by the setting apart of a certain per cent. of the import duties received at seven of the principal custom houses in the republic. It is thought that this provision for the gradual redemption of the bonds will give them a better standing in the money market than ordinary Mexican securities.

WE have received a copy of the proceedings of the stated and annual meetings of the Pittsburgh Teachers' Institute for the current year, which contains, among other essays and addresses, an address by Dr. Jillson on "the High School, and its position in the plan of public instruction." The view taken is that the High School is a part and parcel of the public school system. He claims that "the standard of scholarship in the High School must depend, to a great extent, upon the attainments of the pupils in the ward schools,"—an idea that was uttered by the GAZETTE some time ago, but was interpreted at that time as an attack on the High School. This idea is emphasized in the address. The High School, it is claimed, is not a university, nor college, nor seminary,—but a "public school, where the higher branches of learning are taught, and it should be the crowning glory of our city's public schools." A variable and progressive course of study is advocated, and the gratifying fact is announced that our High School is being supplied with valuable and complete apparatus for teaching certain branches of study. We are gratified to say that the address, in its leading features, seems like a reflex on our prescribed editorials.

WE HAVE noticed the remarkable fogs which have rested along the eastern seaboard for a few days past. Of them, an eastern journal says, "they were probably originated by an unusually marked juxtaposition of overlapping of the polar and equatorial air currents. The latter seems to have projected itself in a tongue-like shape far north of its December bounds into the Mississippi Valley and eastward to our Middle Atlantic coast. Its humid presence gave rise to heavy rains which have recently flooded the Ohio river. It was condensed by the polar current from Canada. The mixing of the two currents along this seaboard has also, undoubtedly, occasioned the phenomenal fogs of the past week. The proximity of the two great bands of atmosphere of opposite thermal and electric conditions, as shown by fogs, has often been observed to be a precusor of the most disastrous tempests, and our readers will remember the late dense fog at London was followed by the storm and hurricane of the 16th inst. What the effects of our own strange spell of misty autumnal weather will be remains to be seen. But we ought not to be surprised should it be followed by a frosty and wintry, if not stormy spell, and also by disastrous gales on the sea coast.

THE WATER BONDS.

The Finance Committee yesterday presented to Councils their report of the investigations made into the management of the Water Commission, and particularly of the operations whereby large amounts of city funds have been jeopardized. The report recites that John Ross, without authority, opened an account with the Nation Trust Company, on which account there is a balance of $224,156.66 of city funds; that he opened an account with the Central Bank, where accrued interest was deposited; that he received from the Controller various bonds, in large amounts, and permitted the Nation Trust Company to use them as collaterals for negotiating loans—all which transactions were contrary to the laws and ordinances of the city, of all which he, from his position, could not plead ignorance."

The report further recites that the Water Commissioners, "in dereliction of duty, authorized and negligently suffered and permitted" Ross to obtain from the Controller the water bonds, and afterward receipted for them; that the Commissioners did not examine their bond books, nor the books of the Controller or Treasurer, as regards those bonds, nor required of their Secretary any report, nor report sales to the Controller within ten days, nor make quarterly reports to Councils. The report mentions the valuable services of the Commissioners, and declares that there is no evidence of complicity on their part in the fraudulent transactions under investigation, but they are stated "to have been inexcusably negligent and derelict of duty in the management of the financial department of the Commission," and the transfer of their duties to a committee of Councils is recommended.

The Controller is also charged with dereliction of duty, but credited with honesty of purpose, and his resignation accompanied the report. The report finally proposes that a new system or department be provided for completing and managing the new water works. Perhaps the most important recommendation of all, was that of placing the duty of disposing bonds in the hands of the Controller—the bonds not to be delivered till the money is paid into the city treasury. This accords with suggestions that we have frequently made. The resignation of the Water Commissioners followed the report—and thus ends one chapter of this history.

It now remains for Councils to select for Controller, some one whose character and standing will serve to restore confidence in our city finances, and in the business of the city as well. It is wise to take time for mature consideration. That the events of the past month have given a shock to the people is true, and a large amount of uncertainty and doubt, as regards our city finances, exists. We believe the worst has been seen; but the people need to be assured of this, and this can be best done by selecting for Controller some person who commands the entire confidence of the people.

PERSONAL.

CAPTAIN WELLS, of our corvette Shenandoah, was presented with the Cross of the Legion of Honor, on the 28th ult., by the Prefect of Nice, in the name of M. Thiers, during whose term the honor was awarded him. On the same morning Capt. Wells' daughter was married to Lieut. Reider on board the Shenandoah.

THE Pope has issued an Encyclical, in which, referring to the consecration of Bishop Reinkens, he declares the act of consecration performed by a Jansenist heretic to be null and void, and passes sentence of excommunication against the Bishop, his electors, aiders, and abettors.

LIEUTENANT PALLARD, of the British army, does not applaud the valor of the Fantee warriors on the Gold Coast of Africa, though he does think somewhat well of their prudence. The Lieutenant had command of a party of them. They became frightened in a skirmish and ran away. Looking back they saw the Lieutenant emptying his pistols at the enemy. Having an access of good sense, some of them returned to their commander, and putting him into a handy hammock bore the kicking devotee to military propriety away from the field.

THE doctors were greatly puzzled to account for the sudden illness and death of Prof. Agassiz, and the matter was involved to no small obscurity that the friends of the professor consented to allow a post mortem examination. This was done by several eminent physicians, and all the vital organs, especially the heart, were studied with great care. It is said that an important microscopic examination of the brain was made, and the medical world will no doubt be enlightened with many scientific reflections upon the effect of constant and severe exercise upon that subtle organ.

GEORGE WAGONSELLER, one of the three Democratic members of the Legislature of Pennsylvania who, in 1857, voted for Simon Cameron for United States Senator, died at Sunbury, Pa., on Monday last. He was born in Chester county in 1811, but became a resident of Schuylkill county in early life, and was elected a member of the House of Representatives from that county. The Legislature was Democratic, but failed to elect a Democratic Senator, on account of the defection of Mr. Wagonseller and two other members of the party, Messrs Lebo and Menear. Mr. Wagonseller was never again elected to public office.

MR. ALEXANDER AGASSIZ, the only son of the late distinguished naturalist, according to the Boston *Transcript*, inherited in a marked degree the ability and the taste for patient, thorough investigation possessed by his father. In proof of this it refers to the mark of distinguished merit recently conferred upon him by the Boston Society of Natural History, in recognition of the value of his investigations upon the Echinoderm, for which he received the grand honorary prize known as the Walker prize—it being the first occasion of its award. The terms upon which the prize is given are that the investigations shall extend over a period of five years, the results of the investigation to be published at least one year previous to the decision of the Judges, thus leaving it open to the searching analysis and criticism of all competitors. The fact that his works successfully passed this ordeal is in itself an unquestionable proof of the exhaustive research and scientific accuracy of his conclusions, and places him in the front rank of American naturalists.

POLITICAL NOTES.

THERE are no less than 50 candidates for the Kansas United States Senatorship, not including ex Senator Pomeroy. Statesmen are thick out that way. A local paper says there are other men who expect to be elected, but they are too modest to say so.

THE Williamsport *Morning Register* strongly recommends Hon. Wm. H. Armstrong, of that city, as a candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania at the next election. The nomination of Mr. Armstrong is greatly urged by prominent citizens of that part of the State.

THE Illinois State Farmers' Association concluded its annual session at Decater on Thursday night after adopting a platform, of which the following are the main points: The resolutions declare that every American voter should do all in his power to secure the election of honest and competent men to office; that the farmers are absolved from all allegiance to old political parties; that the repeal of the salary law should be retroactive; that large salaries are antagonistic to republican principles.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE Polish exiles propose to erect a statue of Kosciosko in [illegible] York.

A complaint is made that while many of the [illegible] may be very good blotters they are quite unfit to write upon.

IT is reported that at the late laying of the corner-stone of the new capitol of Iowa, the only speech made was by a workman, who got his fingers pinched.

THE Ville du Havre is the fourteenth large Atlantic liner lost. The statement that, with the exception of the Great Eastern, she was the largest vessel afloat, is erroneous. There are many larger.

A KEY WEST dispatch states that the Colorado and Powhattan, the latter with the monitor Manhattan in tow, arrived there on the 21st. The Colorado reports passing, early the day before, the Ossippee with the Virginius in tow, the latter having no steam.

A LONDON dispatch says the ship America, from Barrow to New York, was foundered off the banks of Newfoundland. The captain and three men were drowned. The remainder of the crew took to the boats, and after being out six days were picked up and landed at Dartmouth on December 20th.

THE State Library of Vermont has been fortunate enough to secure files of newspapers printed in that State complete enough to make a continuous record from 1783 to 1862. We trust that the trouble of doing this will teach the Vermonters the importance of keeping up a contemporaneous collection.

A MAN who died recently in Baltimore didn't believe in disputed wills, and left in his own a clause saying: "It is my desire that the foregoing request may be fully carried out, and as I have a decided opinion of the bad effects of law, I therefore hope none of my heirs will so far forget themselves as to resort to the law for alleged wrongs in the distribution of the small amount of property I may leave; or, if they so far forget themselves, I therefore require my executors to deprive such parties of their share of the property that may be due them."

TO RUPTURED PEOPLE.

To the general public the subject of rupture or bubonocele is a matter of very little interest. To one-sixth of the male portion of the community, however, it is a matter of grave and serious import, as that proportionate number are afflicted with that direful malady. Many of those afflicted are hardly aware of the fact that they are so; and there are others again who are apt to mistake rupture for some other disease, and again some other disease for rupture. In a displacement of the kind of which we are writing it is a serious fault to be in error. A delay of one day in procuring medical relief has often been at the expense of a life. Those who read this, will thank us for the knowledge of the fact, that there is a relief in every case, and a cure in many cases, in which a cure may be thought impossible. We invite all persons who are ruptured or who suspect themselves to be so, to call and procure the right kind of an appliance or ascertain if an appliance is necessary. Trusses at lower prices than anywhere in the city, at DR. KEYSER'S, 167 Liberty street. Office private.

ELECTIONS.

GERMAN NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, December 22, 1873.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR NINE DIRECTORS to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 13th, 1874, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
dec22:w17 JOS. LAURENT, Cashier.

FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY.—An election for Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the Company, No. 149 Lacock street, Allegheny, Pa., on MONDAY, January 12th, 1874, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.
dec17:w5 ROBT. B. THOMPSON, Sec.

OFFICE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA INSURANCE CO.,
No. 167½ WOOD STREET, PITTSBURGH.
THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THIS Company will meet at this office, on TUESDAY, January 13, 1874, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M., to elect a Board of Directors to serve during the ensuing year.
dec17:w10:w13 S. D. KELLER, Secretary.

IRON CITY NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH,
PITTSBURGH, December 15, 1873.
AN ELECTION FOR THIRTEEN Directors will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 13, 1874, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
dec16:w2-:w7:13 GEO. R. DUNCAN, Cashier.

PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, December 12, 1873.
ELECTION NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for eleven Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 13, 1874, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 1 P. M.
F. M. GORDON,
de15 Cashier.

SECOND NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, Pa., December 12, 1873.
NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Nine Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 13, 1874, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 1 P. M.
J. H. WILLOCK,
de15 Cashier.

FARMERS' DEPOSIT NATIONAL BANK.—The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 13th, 1874, between the hours of 10 and 2 P. M.
J. H. JOHNSTON, Jr., Cashier.
Pittsburgh, December 12, 1873. de15

ALLEGHENY NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, December 13, 1873.
AN ELECTION OF DIRECTORS to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 13th, 1874, from 10 to 12 A. M.
W. McCANDLESS,
de15-w85 Cashier.

EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, December 13, 1873.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of the Exchange National Bank of Pittsburgh will be held at the Banking house, No. 56 Wood street, on TUESDAY, January 13th, 1874, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 1 P. M.
A. LONG,
de15 Cashier.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK
PITTSBURGH, December 13, 1873.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR NINE DIRECTORS, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 13, 1874, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
W. STEINMEYER, Cashier.
dec13:85

MERCHANTS & MANUFACTURERS' NATIONAL BANK, PITTSBURGH, December 13, 1873.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will take place at the Banking House, Fourth Avenue, on TUESDAY, the 13th of January, 1874, between the hours of eleven A. M. and two P. M.
JOHN SCOTT, Jr., Cashier.
dec13:w81

NOTICE—ELECTION.
An Election will be held in the SOHO SCHOOL HOUSE, Fourteenth ward,
On Tuesday, December 30, 1873,
Between the hours of 8 and 5 o'clock P. M.,
For the purpose of electing FIVE PERSONS to serve as Commissioners for the improvement of SOHO STREET, BOSTON STREET, EMMETT STREET and WAUDSWORTH STREET, under the provisions of an Act of Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for the improvement of Penn avenue and other avenues and streets of the City of Pittsburgh, approved April 6th, 1870, and the several supplements thereto," and an ordinance authorizing the grading, paving and curbing of Soho street, from Fifth avenue to Wilkins street; Wadsworth street, from Soho street to Emmett street, Emmett street, from Wadsworth street to Soho street, and Boston street, from Soho street to Fifth avenue, and Soho street, from Emmett street to center avenue, and the election of Commissioners for that purpose, passed December 15th, 1873.
NELSON DAVIS,
JOHN DAVIS,
S. S. MORROW,
Pittsburgh, December 16, 1873. Election Officers. de17

SPECIAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.
W. H. IRWIN
Has resigned his position as Director of the FRANKLIN FUND AND SAFE DEPOSIT CO.
Pittsburgh December 19, 1873. de20:w12

NOTICE.
The above resignation was immediately accepted by a unanimous vote at a meeting of the Directors.
SAMUEL A. LONG,
d-22:w16 Vice President.

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR OF GAS AND GAS METERS FOR ALLEGHENY COUNTY.
DESIRING THAT THE PUBLIC should more generally avail themselves of the advantages of this office, I would give notice to persons desiring to have their meters tested to leave their orders at the rooms of their respective Gas Companies, or at my office, corner of Twenty-third and Smallman streets, and they shall receive prompt attention.
E. H. SMITH, Inspector.

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Fancy Goods,
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Toilet Sets and Vases.
Dolls and Toys,
Shoulder Shawls,
Striped Shawls,
Broche Shawls,
Cloaks, Jackets,
Sacques, Suits, &c.
Blankets,
Coverlets,
Quilts,
Balmoral Skirts,
Felt Skirts, and
Quilted Skirts.
Everything always at the
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FEDERAL ST. ALLEGHENY.
Extra Good Bargains
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GOODS SUITABLE
FOR
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KID GLOVES,
Real Alexander, 2, 3 and 4 Buttons, reduced from $2.00 and 2.50.
SABLE MUFFS,
At $16.00—reduced from $20.00.
" 20.00—reduced from 25.00.
" 23.50—reduced from 30.00.
" 25.00—reduced from 35.00.
SABLE SETS,
At $25.00—reduced from $35.00.
" 35.00—reduced from 45.00.
" 36.00—reduced from 40.00.
Bargains in Siberian squirrel,
Bargains in Alaska Mink,
Bargains in Lynx,
Bargains in Seal.
All our FUR GLOVES reduced to close out the stock during the Holiday season.
Good Bargains in Shawls,
Good Bargains in Skirts,
Good Bargains in Jackets,
Good big gains in Ulsterettes,
Black Repellants,
Blue Repellants,
Brown Repellants,
Green Repellants
All at Very Low Prices.
A. W. ERWIN & CO.,
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FEDERAL ST., ALLEGHENY.
H. J. LYNCH,
JUST RECEIVED
Serges, Camel's Hair Cloth and Poplins
In all the new autumn shades.
Cloth and Cashmere
Sacques and Mantles,
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NEW BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—1,600 pounds Double Extra New Buckwheat Flour, just received, put up in small sacks, for family use, and for sale at the Family Grocery store of
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Initial Handkerchiefs,
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Embroidered Linen Sets,
Embroidered Flannel Flouncing at a bargain.
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GUIPURE AND
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Hoods,
Embroidered Woolen Jackets,
And Sacques,
Cashmere Mufflers, Silk Mufflers,
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AT 18 3-4 CENTS,
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The best value in this market in a Black Alpaca—same quality as sold elsewhere for 50c.
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A splendid quality of Black Alpaca—regular retail price 75c.
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Silk Striped Poplins—reduced from 50c.
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A large assortment of DRESS GOODS—reduced from 20, 25 and 31c, to close out.
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One case all Wool French Merino—reduced from $1.00 per yard.
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Window Shades Very Low.
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21 Fifth Avenue

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OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER,
CITY OF ALLEGHENY, December 19, 1873.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the ASSESSMENT FOR the grading of STEEP STREET, from James Street to Sidney's line, is now ready for examination and can be seen at this office until TUESDAY, Dec. 30th, 1873, when it will be placed in the hands of the City Controller to receive notice of the payment of the same.
de22:w13 CHARLES DAVIS, City Engineer.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
MUNICIPAL HALL, PITTSBURGH, Dec. 19, 1873.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Assessments for the grading of Isabella street, from 49 feet to McMahon's bridge, near Perrysville avenue, Fifth ward; Hill street, from Baltimore avenue, Pennsylvania Railroad, Allegheny Valley Railroad.

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In great variety. Departments newly supplied. Everything very cheap.
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Vests in high and low necks, long and short Sleeves in all sizes. Drawers all sizes.
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ORDINANCES.

AN ORDINANCE—Granting permission to C. Coleman & Son to erect a wooden wagon factory.
SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same, that C. Coleman & Son be and they are hereby authorized to erect a frame building on ground bounded by Craig and Kilbuck streets and the Allegheny river, (now known as Craig's saw mill), for use as a wagon factory.
SEC. 2. That so much of any ordinance as may conflict with or be supplied by the foregoing, be and the same is hereby repealed.
Ordained and enacted into a law this 19th day of December, A. D. 1873.
JAMES McMEHER,
President of Select Council.
Attest: R. T. WHITE,
Clerk of Select Council.
HUGH McNEIL,
President of Common Council pro tem.
Attest: ROBT. DILWORTH,
Clerk of Common Council. de22

AN ORDINANCE—Granting Permission to Messrs. Herchenother & Eckert to erect a frame building.
SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same, That Messrs. Herchenother & Eckert be and they are hereby authorized to erect a frame building, 25 by 60 feet, one story, on East street, on the property of Hugh McFarland, Seventh ward.
SEC. 2. That so much of any Ordinance as may conflict with or be supplied by the foregoing, be and the same is hereby repealed.
Ordained and enacted into a law this 11th day of December, A. D. 1873.
JAMES McMEHER,
President of Select Council.
Attest—R. T. WHITE,
Clerk of Select Council.
ALFRED SLACK,
President of Common Council.
Attest—ROBT. DILWORTH,
Clerk of Common Council. de22

AN ORDINANCE—Authorizing the opening, widening and straightening of Ilen street.
SECTION 1. Be it ordained and enacted by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same, That Ilen street be and is hereby opened, widened and straightened of a width of 40 feet, from High street to north line of Zang's property, according to accompanying plan, and that Ritchie, Freehold ers, &c., and that are hereby appointed viewers, to view the premises, appraise the damages, and make assessments of benefits, as provided by Act of Assembly, approved the first of April, 1870, entitled "An Act relative to streets in the City of Allegheny."
Ordained and enacted into a law this 11th day of December, A. D. 1873.
JAMES McMEHER,
President of Select Council.
Attest—T. WHITE,
Clerk of Select Council.
ALFRED SLACK,
President of Common Council.

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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, }
MONDAY EVENING, December 22. }

There is beginning to be an abundance of money in various quarters, and, as a consequence, rates are being much modified. There is a very evident indication that after the close of this month there will be plenty of money seeking investment; and the trouble may be to find investment for all the idle capital.

Congress has not done anything special to increase the currency, and, indeed, it seems that there is so much opposition to expansion, in the Senate, that it is hardly likely that any such measure will be adopted. On the re-assembling of Congress next month the fight on this currency question will be a hard and bitter one. What the result will be, is hard to tell, but just now uncertain things depends the future success or ruin of our business interests.

In New York to day stocks have been weak, especially towards the close, when the lowest prices of the day were made. The rate of interest in Western Union was 2 per cent; in Northwestern 2 per cent. The market in stocks for the next two weeks is likely to be heavy, and lower prices will yet be reached before the close of the year.

Gold to day been also weak, touching 108¼, but closing at 108⅝. The bull feeling in gold has almost disappeared, and the prospects are that it may decline to 107 in the next few days. The large amount of coin to be paid out by the Government on January 1st will tend to depress the market very much and prevent any considerable advance for the present. But gold will not go much down, but will again react towards higher figures.

Luther S. Kauffman, Broker, No. 96 Fourth Avenue, furnishes the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

	Sat'd'y.	Monday.
Gold closed at	108¼	108⅝
U. S. 6s—1881—coupons	113¾	113¾
5-20 1862	113¾	113¾
5-20—1864	113	113
" 1865	113¾	113¾
" 1865—new	116¾	117
" 1867	117	117¼
" 1868—coupons	118¾	118¾
10-40's—coupons	110¾	111¼
Currency 6's	122½	122½
New 5 per cents	110¾	110¾
RAILWAYS.		
New York Central	93½	95¾
Erie	23¾	24
R. H. & E.	27¾	27
C. C. & I. C.	87¾	87¾
St. Paul	60¾	61¾
Do. preferred	74¾	74¾
Michigan Southern	79¾	79¾
Do. Central	79¾	79¾
North Western Common	66¾	66¾
Do. preferred	88¾	88¾
Rock Island	93¾	94¼
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	97½	97
Pacific Mail	97¾	97¾
Western Union Telegraph	72¾	71¾
Ohio & Mississippi	29	29
Union Pacific	30¾	29¾
Toledo & Wabash	51	48¾
Harlem	129	130
Chicago and Alton	101	101
Adams Express	66	66
American Express	64¾	64¾
U. S. Express	66¾	67
W., Fargo & Co. Express	70	70
Fort Wayne	99	99
C. C. C.	100	100
Panama	131	131
New Jersey Central	100¾	100¾
Quicksilver	25	25¾
Canton	62	62
Hannibal & St. Joseph	25¾	25¾
Do preferred	34¾	34¾

Messrs. Robinson Bros., bankers, No. 75 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of active stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board to-day:

	Sat'd'y.	Monday.
Penna. Central	45¾	46¾
Reading	95¾	95¾
United Cos. of N. J.	116¾	118
Oil Creek	11¾	11¾
Lehigh Valley	44¾	44
Central Transportation	40¾	41
A. V. R. R. 7 20	88¾	91¾
Penna. scrip dividend	92¾	92¾

NEW YORK, December 22, 1873.

Money closed easy at 4@5. Sterling was dull, with business at 108¾ for sixty days and 109¾@109¾ for sight. Customs receipts $210,000. Gold closed at 110¾, after selling at 110⅝@110¾. Loans were at 7, 1-32 and 7 gold for carrying. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $36,000. Clearings $52,000,000. Government were firm. State bonds were dull. Stocks opened strong, but under rumors of material failures became weak, and declined from ½ to 2¾ per cent. The decline was led by Western Union and Wabash, which were pressed down 2 per cent. by free offerings. C. C. & I. C., Union Pacific and St. Paul were all sustained, the latter on a report that the Northwest and St. Paul contemplate a closer alliance. Panama was exceptionally strong, and advanced from 98 to 100. The market closed heavy. The large sellers of last week were purchasers to day in anticipation of an advance in January. The stock sales to day between 10 and 2 o'clock amounted to 120,000 shares, of which 28,000 were Western Union, 42,000 Union Pacific, 11,000 Wabash, 7,600 Pacific Mail, 4,000 Quicksilver, 3,000 St. Paul, 10,000 Lake Shore, 6,000 C. C. & I. C, and 20,000 Northwest.

Governments.—U. S. coupons of 1881, 113¾; 5-20s of '62, 113¾; do of '64, 113; do of '65, 113¾; do of '65, new, 116¾; 5-20s of 67, 117¾; do '68, 117¾; new 40s, 110¾; 10-40s, 111; currency sixes, 122¾.

State Bonds.—Alabama, 52¾; Tennessee, old, 80; do new, 80; Virginia new, 60; do old, 56; North Carolina old, 26; do new, 16.

Stocks.—Canton, 61; Western Union Telegraph Company, 71¾; Quicksilver, 25¾; Adams Express, 65¾; Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, 67; American Express, 67; United States Express, 66¾; Erie, 44; Erie, preferred, 70; New York Central, 95¾; Erie, 44; do preferred, 70¾; Hudson, 117; do preferred, 118; Michigan Southern, 79¾; Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, 94; Northwestern common, 64¾; do preferred, 87¾; Rock Island, 93¾; New Jersey Central, 100¾; St. Paul, 59¾; do preferred, 82; Toledo & Wabash, 48¾; do preferred, 67; Fort Wayne, 98; Illinois Central, 122; Chicago & Alton, 101; do preferred, 118; Ohio & Mississippi, 29¾; Cleveland & Columbus & Cincinnati & Indianapolis & Quincy, 94; Lake Shore, 78¾; Panama, 130½; Illinois Central, 102; Cleveland & Pittsburgh, 97¾; Hartford & Erie, 23¾; Delaware & Lackawanna, 101.

LONDON, December 22—5 P. M.—Consols for money, 91 5-16@92; account, 92; 5-20's of '65, 94; do of '67, 94¾; new 5's, 91¾; New York Central, 93; Erie, 20¾; Illinois Central, 89.

PARIS, December 22.—Rentes 56f 20c.

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, }
MONDAY, December 22, 1873. }

The Crude market is still reported firm, and many of our refiners are holding in expectation of lower prices; still quoted at 95 to 81.05 ₱ brl. according to pipe line at Parker, equal to 92¾c ₱ gallon delivered here. Refined is quiet and prices are without quotable change: 18¾ for December or January, delivered in Philadelphia, and 18¾ for first and 18¾ for last half of February. There is nothing in the position of the refined market just now to warrant the advance in Crude, and this is calculated to make refiners beat fish.

Oil barrels are reported firm, with sales of city make at $1.80.

CRUDE OIL RECEIVED BY ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD.

Shipper.	Consignee	Bbls.
Fisher Bros.	Riverside O. W.	160
Duncan	Penn G. W.	557
Owner	Fisher Bros.	616
Duncan	American O. W.	616
Lockhart & Frew	Brilliant O. W.	1,930
Fisher Bros.	Beggs, L. and Co.	240
Tack & M.	Citizens O. W.	477
Total.		4,598

Toledo.

TOLEDO, December 22.—Flour in active demand and prices advanced. Wheat firm; amber Michigan $1.46; seller February $1.36¾. Corn active and prices advanced; 60c seller February; 61¾c seller last half January. Oats active and prices advanced; No 2 at 35½c; seller January 33½c.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS—WEEKLY REVIEW.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, }
MONDAY, December 22, 1873. }

APPLES—The receipts continue meagre, but with a limited demand, the market is quiet, and prices remain as last quoted: $2.50@3 ₱ brl. for common to medium, and $3.50@4 for prime to choice—there have been but few sales as yet above $3.50, and therefore $4 is considered an outside price.

ASHES—There is little or no inquiry, and prices are entirely nominal; it is expected, however, that some of the glass factories will start up again next month, and if so an increased demand for Ash will soon follow.

ALE—Trade continues dull, but prices remain unchanged. We continue former quotations: X. 10 per brl. to the country, and $8 to the city; XX. $10; India Ale, $11. Half bris. in regular proportion.

BAGGING—Penn mill two bushel bags, 35c; two and one-half bushel, 42; three bushel, 50.

APPLE BUTTER—60@70c per gallon.

BROOMS—Following are the factory prices: No. 2, $3 per dozen No. 3, $2.50. No. 4, $3. No. 5, $2.25. No. 6, $3.50. Carpet Brooms, $4. Toy Brooms and Whisks, $1.50@2. In a jobbing way, from store, 25 to 37½c per dozen additional.

BUTTER—There is a steady demand, especially for fine grades, and the market is firm, but price remain unchanged, 10@15 for inferior to common; 20@25 for medium to good, and 28@30 for prime to choice. There is a good supply of common and medium, but strictly prime is scarce and sells readily at full rates.

BEANS—The market is dull and overstocked, but prices remain unchanged, $2@2.25 ₱ bushel.

BEESWAX—Is in good supply and very dull; are continue to quote nominally at 22@25c.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—There is not so much inquiry, but prices remain unchanged; 4c ₱ lb to the trade, and 4½@5c to consumer.

BROOM CORN—There is a moderate inquiry, but mostly, however, for small lots, while prices remain unchanged; we continue to quote red and red tipped, 5¼@6¼; fair to good green, 7@8; hurl, 8@10.

CRANBERRIES—Selling at from $9 to $13 ₱ brl. according to quality.

CHEESE—The market has been more active during the past week and, if anything, rather firmer, but prices have undergone no change: we continue to quote prime Ohio Factory, in a jobbing way, at 14@15. New York Goshen, 15 @15¾. Dairy Cheese is dull, and is selling at all kinds of prices. Sweitzer is also dull; quotable at 14@16 as to quality.

CARBON OIL—Continues dull, but the market is made firmer in sympathy with the crude material; standard brands may be quoted at 19@19½ ₱ by the car load, and 19@20 additional for smaller lots.

COKE—As noted in our last weekly report, there is a better feeling in consequence mainly of the revival in the pig iron trade, but no special improvement in the demand is expected until next month, or after yearly settlements have been effected.

CANNED GOODS—The demand continues light and the market is dull, although prices remain unchanged. The market is quiet, and offerings of loose continue very meagre, in consequence of the almost impassable condition of the country roads; may be quoted at $2@2.25.

COPPER—Following are the card rates, cash as reported by Park & Co.: Bra kers' Copper, 12 ₱ sheets and bottoms; Braziers' Copper, 10, 11 and 12 ₱ sheets, 33c; Braziers' Copper, 9 ₱ and less, 40c Circles: under 81 in diameter, 36c; 81 to 96, 34c; 96 and over, 40c Segment and Pattern Sheets, 38c; Sheathing Copper, 14 in. by 48 in., 33c. Bolt Copper, 35c. Locomotive Fire Box Plates, 33c.

CEMENT AND LIME—Rosendale cement, $4.00@4.50 ₱ barrel: Louisville, $2.50; Cumberland, $2.50. Lime—Cleveland white, Toledo and Fremont, $2 ₱ barrel: Calcined Plaster—best eastern—$4.50: Michigan, $3.50@3.75.

COTTON, SHEETING AND YARNS.—Penn Mill A, No. 14-4 Sheeting, 11½c; Nonatook, 11c; Pittsburgh Fanuily, 10½c; Juniata, 9c; fine, 10c; White Goods Cham. finished, 12½c; colored, 40c; Cotton Batting, 16; Cotton Twine, 33.

CHAIRS—Water Twist, 1; Water, 2; Oysters, 6@6½; Soda, 7; Soda Extra, 9½; Butter, 7. Boston Extra, 9½; Scotch Biscuit, 11½. Ginger Snaps, 9; Hard Times, 10. Graham, 7.

CORDAGE & ROPE—Manilla rope, ¾ inch in diameter and upwards, 18 cents, ⅝, 18½c; ½, and ⅜-in, the finer grades, 19c; ¼-in, 20c; sisal hay and leather twine, 18½. Sisal rope—¾ and 5-16 inch diameter 16c, ½, 16½ in and upwards. 17½ hay and basket twine, 20c. Oil well rope and cables—hawser laid, 18c do. bolt rope and yarn, 19½c Sand pump rope, 16.

DRESSED HOGS—$6.50@6.60 per ₱.

DRIED FRUIT—There has been an increased demand for Apples during the past week, and the country reports sales of several hundred barrels within the range of 6@6½c, as to quality Peaches are quiet but unchanged, halves, 9@12 cts: peeled, 18@20.

FIRE BRICK—The market recently has been very dull and considerably overstocked, and for the present there are no established rates; some makers, we understand, have been obliged to sell in order to meet pay-rolls; hence, there is not in a position to stick to the card.

FLOUR—There has been a very fair trade in this staple during the past week, and, in sympathy with the recent sharp advance in Wheat, prices are firm and higher We now quote superfine flour, $7@7.50; low extra, $7.50@8; choice Minnesotas, red winters, $7.50@8.25, and 8@10 for white. Rye Flour, $5@5.50.

GAME—Quoted as follows: Whole Deer, 7@10 cents per pound. Rabbits, $1.00@2 ₱ dozen. Squirrels, $1.50@1.75 per dozen. Quail, $3@4 ₱ brace. Prairie Chickens, $3.50@4. Pheasants, $1.50@4. Wild Turkeys, $1.50@3 each. Saddles of Venison, 12½c.

GRAIN—The receipts of Wheat continue meagre, excepting what is consigned to the millers, and with a good demand, prices are firm and the supply is not equal to the demand; quotations may be given at $1.50@1.58 for fair to prime red winter, and $1.60@1.62 for choice; and $1.60@1.62 for white. The very limited receipts may be attributed to the almost impassable condition of the country roads which prevents it from being moved. The Oat market is steady and moderately active, although prices remain unchanged; gone no quotable change during the past week; we continue to quote at 48@50, as to quality. Corn is firm; we quotable at 44@45 for old shelled at 70. There is hardly as much toquiry as there has been, and the market is rather easy as there has been a disposition manifested by dealers that there is little or no margin even at present rates, as inquiry is not from those intending to ship and not much figures for it; we quote nominally at 85@90, although it is said it cannot be laid down here from the west under one dollar. Barley is dull and nominal at $1.35@1.50, according to quality

GROCERIES—Coffee—The market is strong under late news from Rio, showing the very light purchases of the past month, and the large consumption of the year. The European markets show an appreciation of value to the extent of ½c per ₱. The amount of coffee held in first hands in this country is reduced to fifty-three thousand bags, and no material accumulation of stock can occur within sixty days, consequently, holders are firm in their views that higher values will rule. The last three telegrams from Rio report but about fifteen thousand bags bought for our market, the latest, dated Dec. 1, quoting the price there ¼c down and stock 2-8 000 bags, with duty receipts for the week 3,000 bags. The sale to-day in New York will test the strength of the market, and if taken at full figures will prove that the present high values will obtain for at least a month to come, if they are not considerably augmented. There is certainly a scarcity of the bean, especially in fine grades, and the best of stock is held by the control of a few holders, who are determined to make the most of it. Sugars—Refined firm—hards scarce. Molasses—New Orleans higher. Fine Syrups easy. Low grades stronger and the tendency higher. Rice—Carolina steady

BAKING POWDER—Rumford, 3c; Cleveland, $2.50; Dunham's, $2.50. Lime Cleveland white, Toledo and Fremont, $2 ₱ barrel: Calcined Plaster—best eastern—$4.50: Michigan, $3.50@3.75.

COTTON, SHEETING AND YARNS.—Penn Mill A, No. 14-4 Sheeting, 11½c; Nonatook, 11c; Pittsburgh Family

HOME NEWS.

European Steamship Arrivals Yesterday.

A dispatch received at MAX SCHAMBERG'S European Steamship and Telegraph Office, at No. 163 Smithfield street, announces the arrival of the steamer City of Brussels at Queenstown.

Fashionable Wedding at Brownsville, Pa.

One of the most brilliant fashionable weddings that has taken place for some time at Brownsville, occurred on Thursday morning last, when Mr. Wm. M. Clark and Miss Anna W. Dore were united in matrimony. Quite a number of Pittsburghers were present, among whom some of our best families were represented. The newly wedded pair left for an extended trip to the Eastern cities, followed by the congratulations of a host of warm friends.

Coming Down.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has also reduced the fare between this city and the following points as follows: To Philadelphia, $8; to Baltimore, $6; to Washington City, $6. The traveling public are thus offered the unsurpassed accommodations of this route which cannot fail to commend itself to all those who appreciate comfort, courtesy, safety, and rapid transit. Every day three fast trains will leave the Union Depot, and all night trains will be accompanied by Pullman Palace cars.

A Number of Elections.

The County Commissioners held a meeting yesterday morning, and elected the following official papers for the ensuing year: *GAZETTE, Commercial, Freiheits Freund, and Dispatch.* Mr. B. K. Wachter, of the Eighth ward, was elected County Mercantile Appraiser, and the following gentlemen were chosen on behalf of the county as directors of the Western Reform School: Messrs. Wm. Parker, Jr., Pittsburgh; Archibald Robson, Allegheny; John Gilfillan, Upper St. Clair township; and Moses Chess, Esq., of the Thirty-sixth ward.

Death and Poverty.

Coroner McCallin yesterday held an inquest on the body of WILLIAM ELLIOT, aged sixty four years. The deceased had been an inmate of the Poor House for some time, and in very feeble health. He came to Chartiers borough to visit his wife, on Sunday, when he died rather suddenly. A verdict of death from natural causes was rendered. The deceased's home was destitute of all comforts, and the body lay upon a bare board. The old lady was removed to the Poor House, and a boy, aged fourteen years, which he left, was taken charge of by the neighbors.

Wylie Avenue Church.

We omitted to mention in our religious items on Saturday the continued and gratifying success of this young and vigorous congregation. At a recent communion they added to the roll thirty new members, making an average of over eight members every three months since the organization of the church, and does not include the fifty-six members who entered into the organization at first. This is an unusual and gratifying success, and we congratulate the young pastor, W. R. KNOX, on this grand result of his unwearying labors.

Mortuary.

The following is the mortuary report of the Board of Health for the week ending December 20th:

Alcoholism, 1; accident, 1; railroad, 2, congestion of brain, 1; capillary bronchitis, 4; cancer of breast, 2; cerebritis, 1; consumption, 5; convulsions, 4; croup, 1; diphtheritis, 3; acute dysentery, 1; erysipelas, 1; typhoid fever, 1; market fevers, 1; gastric enteritis, 1; valvular disease of the heart, 2; inanition, 1; jaundice, 1; liver, disease not specified, 1; malformation, 2; acute meningitis, 1; premature birth, 2; pneumonitis, 3; peritonitis, 2; ulceration of bowels, 2; whooping cough, 1. Males, 28; females, 24. Whites: males, 27; females, 24. Colored: males, 1.

The Pittsburgh Association for the Relief of the Poor.

At a meeting of the Board, held December 19, 1873, the following gentlemen were elected to serve as a committee to collect funds to enable the Association to carry on its work during the winter: C. J. Clarke, Wm. McCreery, H. K. Porter, Dr. Harris, Arthur Bell, Major Matthews, J. B. Jackson, Richard Waring, Rev. J. Dermont, Rev. Charles Wall, Jos. Albree, John McGregor, Richard Breed, C. L. Rose. These gentlemen are earnestly solicited to meet on Saturday morning, December 24th, at 10 o'clock, in the rooms of the Christian Association.

MRS. LEVI WADE, Secretary.

Allegheny Weekly Deaths.

The report of Health Officer Hoch, of Allegheny, for the past week is as follows: Total number of deaths 28, of which 17 were males, 11 females, and all white. The diseases were: Pneumonia, 5; capillary bronchitis, 3; old age, 2; marasmus, 2; and abscess, apoplexy, diphtheria, bronchitis, congestion, hemorrhage, railroad, inflammation of brain in consequence of injuries received, scarlatina, croup, chronic diarrhœa, gastric fever, cerebritis, erysipelas, metastasis from mumps, congestion of brain and inflammation of bowels, each one.

Of these there were: Under 1 year, 13; from 1 to 5, 8; from 5 to 10, 1; from 10 to 20, 1; from 20 to 30, 1; from 60 to 70, 2; from 70 to 80, 2.

Penn Avenue Trust Company.

Reference to our advertising columns will exhibit a statement of the above company at close of business, December 19, 1873. The record of this banking institution is a good one, and depositors can demand no safer or more reliable depository in which to lodge their surplus funds, than the Penn Avenue Trust Company. Being a company of individual liability, and the stockholders being men of wealth and prominence in the business community, absolute security is assured those who may entrust their finances in the keeping of this bank. It has passed through the panic unharmed, which is owing to the financial management, and the judicious and legitimate system of business always pursued by this institution.

Desirable Offices.

In this morning's GAZETTE is an advertisement to which we would call especial attention. It is that of the German Savings Bank, which is just finishing one of the most elegant and complete buildings in the country, at the corner of Wood street and Diamond alley. This building will be ready for occupation by the 1st of April next, and there will be in it some of the finest offices ever erected. The rooms are all lofty-and will be elegantly arranged with all the modern improvements. One of the features of this massive structure will be its complete lodge rooms, with banqueting halls and all necessary conveniences. These rooms will be the finest and loftiest of the kind in Western Pennsylvania. Applications for these apartments will now be received by the bank at its present office, No. 65 Fourth avenue.

Found Dead and Mutilated.

On last evening Coroner McCallin held an inquest on the body of John Martin, who was found on the railroad track at Braddock's Fields, terribly mutilated, beyond recognition. Deceased is supposed to have been crazy, as he was seen to wander around Braddock's Fields in search of a butcher knife, with which to kill somebody. On his person was found $2 90 in money and several letters, among which was one from his cousin, Mary E. McSorley, No. 504 North Tenth street, Philadelphia, also a letter from Wm. E. McConnell, 118 Michigan street, Chicago. The deceased is believed to have formerly resided in Chicago, as he had a ticket from that city to Philadelphia in his possession, dated February last. A verdict of accidental death was rendered.

STEALING BY DAYLIGHT.

A Bold Thief Captured.

Yesterday afternoon about four o'clock, a man went into the store of Messrs. Gildenfenny & Hess, and purchased a copy of a sporting paper. His actions were rather peculiar, and Mr. Hess, who was in the store, watched his movements rather closely. As he was leaving the store, Mr. Hess noticed him take two books and walk out. Mr. H. followed him, and near the corner of Wood street captured him, and gave him into the hands of Detective Wilhelm. He was taken before acting Mayor Butler, and a general search of his person was made. He had stolen from the store on Fifth avenue an elegantly bound copy of the Bible and another book. Besides these, he had a large number of blank checks on the People's, First National, and the Real Estate Banks of Allegheny, in his possession. Three of the First National checks were filled out, two for one hundred and one for three hundred dollars; the latter signed by W. C. McLain. The checks were all payable to the order of W. H. Clark. The prisoner gave his name as Francis M. Kirby, and claims Cauliersville, this State, as his home. When he found he was cornered, he played the drunken dodge, but it was "too thin." He had a hearing and in default of $800 bail was remanded to jail for Court. The detectives say that this man is one of the parties who has been doing the confidence dodge in this vicinity so effectively, for some time past.

ANOTHER CITIZENS' MEETING.

Mr. Bowers, the Road Commissioner, Endorsed.

A meeting was held at Colfax School House on Saturday evening. It was called to order at half past seven o'clock, and on motion of Mr. George Burcs, Mr. James Young was called to the chair, and Samuel Fleming acting secretary. The President stated the object of the meeting, in a few happy remarks, recommending Mr. Bowers for his impartial repairing of roads in the different parts of the district, and further stated that Mr. Bowers was not accountable for the heavy rains that made our roads so muddy, as reported at the former indignation meeting of about three property holders, who condemned Mr. Bowers for being incompetent to serve as a Road Commissioner. After this, a resolution was offered and carried unanimously, that the chairman appoint a committee of five persons, located in different parts of the district, to report with a petition signed by the citizens of the district, and sustaining Mr. Bowers' administration. The chair appointed the following gentlemen: James Casson, Esq. (East End), R. Jack, Esq., of the north side of the district, and Mr. G. A. Ray, in the centre of the district, William Alexander, Esq., Hazlewood, and Patrick Fay, Esq., Twenty-third ward.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to notify the committee in writing, and to publish this meeting in the GAZETTE.

SAMUEL J. FLEMING, Secretary.

Never too much soda in anything that is made out of Prepared Flour.

If you wish to know just what it is, buy a bag of Prepared Flour—45c.

Read the directions with every bag of Prepared Flour.

Steamboatmen, try Prepared Flour, and save your baking powder at 60c per lb.

PITTSBURGH COUNCILS.

Special Meeting Yesterday.

Report of the Finance Committee on the Water Commissioners' Bonds.

A Warm Discussion Over It—Sharp Talk Between McCarthy and Laufman—Acceptance of the Resignations of the Controller and Water Commissioners—The Ordinance Creating the Water Commission to be Repealed—Another Meeting To-morrow.

A special meeting of Councils was held yesterday to hear the report of the Finance Committee regarding its investigations into the Water Commission irregularities.

SELECT COUNCIL.

A. H. GROSS.....President.
E. S. MORROW.....Clerk.

Council met at two o'clock. The Clerk called the roll, the following members answering present: Messrs. Adams, Aiken, Atkinson, Atterbury, R. B. Brown, Burgwin, Chalmers, Champion, Dannells, Dietrich, Dorrington, Doyle, Durling, Elder, Fetterman, Foster, Froelich, Galvin, Hains, Herron, House, Hunter, Jeremy, E. P. Jones, J. H. Jones, Kernan, Kirk, Laufman, Liddell, Lloyd, Littell, Marshall, Montooth, Morrow, Murray, McClandless, McCarthy, McClurg, McCune, McDonald, McKee, Och, O'Neil, Pearson, Phillips, Rafferty, Riddell, Scully, Seely, Smith, Walters, Waring, Watson, Zorn, and President Gross.

Mr. GROSS then said: This meeting is called for the purpose of receiving the report of the Finance Committee in reference to the Water Commission.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

Mr. MCCUNE—I move that the Common Council be invited to meet in joint session for the purpose of receiving the report of the Finance Committee. This motion was adopted.

After the joint session had adjourned, Select Council was called to order and Mr. Aiken moved that the action of the joint session be approved. Carried.

Mr. PHILLIPS moved that Councils go into joint session again for the purpose of electing a City Controller to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. McGowan.

The chairman read a resolution from the Finance Committee authorizing the appointment of a special committee to prepare an ordinance for the repeal of the Water Commission ordinance, and to make some arrangements for the appointment of a committee to carry on the work of completing the Water Works. Adopted.

Mr. RIDDELL moved that the election of a Controller be postponed until the next meeting.

Mr. MCCARTHY stated that if the election was postponed for one week, it would stop the payment of all the workmen and contractors under the employ of the city.

Mr. KIRK was in favor of the postponement of the election of a Controller.

Mr. MCKEE offered as an amendment that Councils hold a special meeting on Wednesday for the purpose of electing a Controller.

The latter motion was adopted by a vote of 28 ayes to 25 nays.

Mr. KIRK submitted a resolution authorizing the Mayor to offer a reward of $5,000 for the arrest of Robert J. Grier.

Mr. E. P. JONES moved to lay the resolution on the table. Carried.

The chairman then directed the Water Committee to take charge of the books and accounts of the Water Commission until an arrangement could be made to put them in other hands.

Adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

W. R. NEGLEY.....President.
GEORGE BOOTH.....Clerk.

At the usual hour President Negley, who is very seldom absent from the chair, rapped this branch to order, and Clerk Booth calle l the roll, the following members answering to their names: Messrs. Bradley, Boyd, Bryce, Carroll, Duff, Everson, Finley, Fleming, Follansbee, Frew, Fulton, Harris, Hays, Jones, Kerr, Laughran, Lee, Maple, Moore, Morgan, Mr. Gimpsey, Rauhauser, Riley, Rolfe, Semple, Trautman, West, Williams, and President Negley.

On motion of Mr. SEMPLE the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, and the clerk read the call for the special meeting to hear the report of the Finance Committee and transact such other business as might be brought before it.

On motion of Mr. SEMPLE, the rules were suspended in order to take up new business, this action being required by the fact that at a special meeting, unless otherwise ordered, nothing but the business for which it is called can be considered.

The Clerk of Select Council announced that that branch was ready to meet Common to hear the report of the Finance Committee, and on motion Common Council went into joint session with Select.

When the Common branch returned to its room, Mr. HARRIS moved that the business of joint session be ratified and approved by this Council, and be made valid and effectual. Carried.

Mr. HAYS, resolution instructing the Controller to draw a warrant in favor of Jacob Hollister for $24.56, for over-paid taxes. Referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. FULTON, petition and resolution from property holders on Ellsworth avenue, to refer to the Board of Viewers of Street Improvements the assessment of damages and benefits caused by the grading of Ellsworth avenue. Petition received and resolution passed.

Mr. E. LEMMON, bill ordinances establishing the grade of Stanton avenue. Passed finally.

Petition for gas lamp, on the south west corner of Centre avenue and Addison street. Referred.

Mr. JONES, submitted the report of the Street Committee. It was received and the following business accompanying it acted upon:

Ordinance changing and establishing the grade on Liberty avenue. Put upon its first reading.

Ordinance establishing the grade of Thirty-third street from Penn avenue to Laurel avenue. Put upon its first reading.

Ordinance for an Eighteen inch pipe sewer on Clark alley and street. Passed finally.

Report of the sub-Committee on wooden pavements. Received and ordered to be published in the official papers.

Resolution for warrant for payment of the expenses of the Wooden Pavement Committee, amounting to $370. Passed finally.

The resolution passed in Select Council, providing for the appointment of a committee of five, to prepare an ordinance repealing the Water Commission ordinance, or such part thereof as in their judgment may be deemed best, and for the organization of a system or department for carrying on the work and the completion of the new water works, was concurred in and Messrs. Fulton, Follansbee and Finley appointed on behalf of Common Council.

Petition for grading of Hill street in the Thirtieth ward. Received and filed.

Ordinance for the grading of Hill street from Brownsville avenue to Bailey's line. Passed finally.

Mr. WEST, report of the Committee on Street Railroads. Received and filed and a resolution for the preparation of an ordinance relieving the Passenger railways from keeping the streets in repair, in lieu of which they shall pay a tax of —— dollars per car, was referred to the Street Committee.

On motion of Mr. Hays this branch adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, with Select Council, in joint session, for the purpose of electing a Controller and to transact such other business as may be brought up.

JOINT SESSION.

Councils then met in joint session, Presidents Gross and Negley in the chair.

President GROSS—The joint session will now please come to order. We have met for the purpose of hearing the report of the Committee in reference to the water bonds.

Mr. PHILLIPS—We are ready to present our report, and I would ask that the clerk read it. Accompanying the report is also the report of the arbitrators.

The clerk read the report as follows:

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Pittsburgh:

GENTLEMEN: Your Finance Committee, to which was referred the investigation of the disposition of certain Water Bonds and deposits of certain moneys of the city with the Nation Trust Company, would respectfully report:

That in pursuance of the resolution of Councils of November 24th, ult., in relation thereto, we entered upon our duties the following day, and by continued daily sessions until this day, prosecuted the investigation of alleged irregularities, in the course of which we called and had examined before us a large number of witnesses, including the Controller, Water Commissioners and their Secretary, the Directors, officers and clerks of the Nation Trust Company, excepting R. J. Grier, cashier, who could not be found; and all other persons having any knowledge in connection with this investigation so far as we could learn—and herewith submit the testimony, which is made a part of this report.

In this investigation we learned, among other things, the following facts:

That John Ross, Secretary of the Water Commission, without authority, opened an account with the Nation Trust Company, in his own name, as Secretary, on the 5th of May, 1873, and from that time till November 11th, 1873, had deposited without the knowledge or consent of the Water Commission, so far as the evidence discloses, some $323,156 66, out of which he had drawn the sum of $94,000, leaving a balance therein of some $229,156 66; and also that said John Ross had opened an account in his own name at the Central Bank, where, so far as the evidence shows, without the knowledge or consent of the Water Commissioners, he deposited the accrued interest on the Water Commission bonds sold by him, also the proceeds of certain bonds sold by George B Hill & Co.; and we further find that said John Ross, Secretary, did, without the knowledge or consent of the Water Commission, so far as the evidence shows, receive from the Controller of the city some $254,000 of the $2,500,000, Water Bond Loan of 1872, of which $10,000 were returned, and some $6,000.00 of the Thirty-third Street Improvement Bonds from the Commission for the improvement, that street, which bonds he did, without the knowledge or consent of the said Commission so far as the evidence shows, place in the custody of the Nation Trust Company, for the purpose of enabling them to use the same as collaterals in the negotiating of loans in Philadelphia for the use and benefit of said Trust Company. On account of the Thirty third street bonds, $13 000 have been accounted for to the City Treasury.

All which transactions were contrary to the laws and ordinances of the city, of all which he, from his position, could not plead ignorance.

During the investigation, at the instance of your committee, the City Attorney had the said Secretary arrested on information made for embezzlement, &c., and now held for trial before the proper judicial tribunal of the county.

We further find that the Board of Water Commissioners, having the sole control and power in the premises and duty of the execution of the ordinance creating the Water Commission, carelessly permitted the said Secretary, to obtain from the Controller of the city said water extension loan bonds, and for which the said Commissioners, or a majority of them, afterwards gave their receipts for said bonds to John Ross and by him delivered to the Controller without any knowledge of the manner of the disposition of said bonds.

And we further find that said Water Commissioners have never themselves examined the books or the bond books of the said Water Commission, nor the books of the City Treasurer or Controller, in relation to the issuing and sale of said bonds, nor have they required from their said secretary any report or statement of his transactions in the sale or disposition of bonds and other doings. Neither did they ever require or demand from the City Treasurer or City Controller statements in relation to the sale of water bonds and the proceeds thereof.

And we further find that said Water Commission have never complied with the ordinances of the city requiring them to report all sales of bonds to the City Controller within ten days after sale; nor have they ever furnished to the City Councils a quarterly report of the business of the Water Commission, as they were required to do. So that the Committee recognizes the fact that important services have been rendered by the members of the Water Commission, without compensation, *and have obtained no evidence whatever of any complicity in the fraudulent* transactions under investigation, yet the committee find that the Water Commissioners have been inexcusably negligent and derelict of duty in the management of the financial department of the Commission; and we would, therefore, recommend that the Commission be forthwith abolished and the duties, for the time being, be placed in the hands of some one of the committees of Councils, until such time as Councils may, by proper ordinance, decree otherwise.

And we also find and report that the Controller has been likewise inexcusably negligent and derelict in duty, in permitting and suffering water bonds to be received and taken from his office without first having demanded and received the proper vouchers therefor, as required by law. That the Controller, without proper authority of law, but merely upon the estimate of the Civil Engineer did issue and countersign a warrant upon the City Treasury for about $60,000, without a certificate from the Water Commission, and although this was a duty on the part of the city official constitutes an offence so grave that it cannot be tolerated or excused. It is, nevertheless due to the Controller, (knowing the man as we do,) to say that there was nothing of corruption in the act, but that it was thus far, to warrant any suspicion of any intended dishonesty on his part; and in connection with this report, we herewith hand the resignation of the Controller, and ask that it be accepted.

As to the cash deposit account with the Nation Trust Company, in pursuance of the resolutions of Councils passed December 8, 1873, accepting the proposition submitted by the arbitrators therein named, who met, and having heard the proofs and allegations of the parties, did, on the 19th day of December, A. D. 1873, find and award to the city of Pittsburgh, the sum of $238,904 02, being the amount deposited by John Ross with the Nation Trust Company as aforesaid, with accrued interest thereon to date of award; said award to bear interest until paid, on the amount of the bond deposited by the Nation Trust Company and belonging to the City of Pittsburgh being admitted, and the liability of said Trust Company assumed in the article of submission for arbitration; the amounts being as hereinbefore stated.

In conclusion we would respectfully recommend the appointment of a committee to devise a plan for the supervision and control of the construction of the new water works and submit to Councils the necessary ordinances for that purpose. We would also recommend that hereafter all Water bonds be issued and sold by the City Treasurer only, and that the signs of countersignature of the Finance Committee, and that no bonds be issued until the City Treasurer has officially reported to the Controller that the purchase money therefor has been paid into the City Treasury, and deposited in the depositories; and that a sub-committee of three members of the Finance Committee be appointed quarterly, whose duty it shall be to audit and report quarterly to Councils, the condition of the Bond accounts of the city; and that no bonds be delivered until the same has been registered by the Bond Clerk.

We would respectfully suggest that an ordinance be prepared and passed, to carry out the foregoing suggestions.

And we also recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by Councils, for the purpose of preparing an ordinance repealing the Water Commission ordinance, or such part thereof as their judgment may be deemed best, and to provide for the organization of a system or department for carrying on the work and the completion of the new Water Works.

W. PHILLIPS, W. B. NEGLEY,
E. P. JONES, D. AIKEN, JR.,
J. H. JONES, G. FOLLANSBEE,
JAS. LITTELL, A. C. FINLEY,
R. H. SMITH, C. B. SEELY,
EDWARD HOUSE, J. R. MCCUNE,
JNO. FLEMING, C. S. FETTERMAN,
A. H. GROSS. A. M. BURGWIN.

Mr. PHILLIPS—I move that the report be received and filed.

President GROSS—We will first receive the resignation of the Controller.

The resignation of the Controller was then presented and read.

The question then recurred on the reception of the report.

Mr. MCCARTHY—I ask that the question be taken on the reception of the report. The report does not carry with it the resignation of the Controller.

The President—No, sir. The question is on the reception of the report. All those in favor will say aye. Carried.

RESIGNATION OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Mr. BURGWIN—I have been selected, certainly not by any request or desire of mine, by the members of the Water Commission to say a word, not in the nature of debate, but for the purpose to say a word in their behalf, but to present, as I now do, the resignation of this board of the office which has been entrusted to them. I do not propose at present to make any remarks in support of that resignation, but simply to say that it is to a certain extent in response to the report of the Finance Committee which has just been read. The Commission did not know, except in the most general terms, what that report would contain. We simply understood that it would recommend the abolishing of the office of Water Commissioner, &c., &c. That being the case, I have, therefore, organized an immense Clothing Sale, and will actually sell Clothing for less money than have been bought before the war. I make up the best goods in the best manner, expecting to sell at a fair profit, but I will not look at profit now. I know that the flurry in the money market is temporary. The harvest throughout the country has been large, and business usually conducted on sound principles. It is only specialties that has brought about this state of affairs, which will soon subside. But this is the season to sell goods, and sell I will and must.

$40 Suits at $25.
$30 Suits at $15.
$50 Overcoats at $25.
$36 Overcoats at $18.
$20 Suits at $10.
$25 Overcoats at $12 50.
Boys' Clothing at half price.

CUSTOM DEPARTMENT.

$75 Suits made to order, $50.
$50 Suits made to order, $35.
$40 Overcoats made to order, $25.
$50 Overcoats made to order, $30.

The above sale will continue until further notice at

T. TOBIAS,
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Great Sale of Dress Goods
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Bargains.
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Everything at panic prices.
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Bargains in Merinos.
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Bargains in Poplins.
Bargains in Satines.
Bargains in Serges.
Bargains in Empress Cloth.
Merinos at 50, 65 and 75 cents.
Alpacas at 20, 25 and 37 cents.
Poplins at 12, 15, 25c and 20 cents.
Satines at 37, 50 and 60 cents.
Serges at 25 to 37 cents.
Empress Cloths 25 to 30 cents.
The entire stock reduced.
Call and see the big-cut sale.
Call soon and get some
Good bargains.
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To Builders and Architects.

The remarkable success which has attended the operations of the Pennsylvania Enameling Company is very generally discussed by builders and architects. The enameling process is not confined to brick; it is susceptible of application to an infinite variety of forms for interior ornamentation, such as tiles of various sizes and shapes, mantles, table and bureau tops, hearths, &c. Such as are engaged in supplying the above articles will find much to interest them in the enameling process. Specimens can be seen at J. B. Lyon's glass warerooms in Howard Block, Smithfield Street, where all interested may satisfy themselves concerning the new and novel process.

Persons contemplating building will do well to examine the claims of the Company. A comparatively trifling outlay, judiciously expended in enameled articles for interior decoration, would secure results such as could not be obtained for ten times the amount expended in any other manner.

W. M. Gormly, Esq., For City Controller.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

At the solicitation of many friends I have consented to allow my name to come before Councils on Wednesday next for the position of City Controller.

W. M. GORMLY.

For Holiday Presents.

Diamond Rings, Crosses, Gents' Pins and studs at, Wattles & Shearer's No. 101 Fifth avenue.

Sets! Sets! Sets!

Cameo, Coral, Amethyst and Gold Sets at C. Terheyden's, No. 130 Smithfield Street, who is selling at the lowest possible figures. Call for a bargain.

The Duquesne Cook Stove

Has a large oven and bakes and roasts perfectly. Do not buy a stove until you see it. Manufactured by D. DeHaven & Son, No. 22 Wood street, and for sale by all first class dealers. TTHS

Fine Pearl Opera Glasses for Holiday presents, at Wattles & Shefer's Jewelry Store, 101 Fifth avenue.

Money Actually Saved

by buying your Holiday presents at McFadden's, 41 Fifth avenue, who gives *ten per cent. off* all sales until January 1st.

Watches and Chains to suit every body at Wattles & Shwafer's, No. 101 Fifth avenue, at prices that cannot fail to suit.

The Weber Piano

At Cari Retter's, No. 29 Fifth avenue. tf

THE FIRE COMMISSION.

The Investigation Into Its Affairs Last Evening—Mr. Stover's Testimony in Regard to the Allegheny Contract Refuted—Mr. Knoch on the Stand—A Poor Memory—Difference of Opinion—The Advertising for Proposals—The Evidence all In.

Last evening the investigating committee to inquire into the Fire Commission purchases of hose, held another meeting in the rooms of the Commission, Municipal Hall. Considerable delay was had, as the witnesses wanted were not on hand in time. Messrs. Wilson, McIlroy, Stewart and Walton, of the Fire Commission, and Semple and Chalmers of the Investigation Committee were present.

THE FIRST WITNESS CALLED

was Mr. Samuel Hastings. He testified that he was a carpenter by trade and a member of the Allegheny Councils. He denied ever having an unsigned contract in his packet made with Mr. Stover. The gentleman then produced a contract made by Mr. Stover with the city of Allegheny, which was read by Mr. Semple. This contract was for 3000 feet of hose, (carbolized,) made by the Gutta Percha Manufacturing Company, and guaranteed for two years, at a price of $1,30 per foot. Mr. Hastings stated that he was a member of the Committee on Hose, and that Mr. Stover threw up the contract a week after it was awarded, as he said, he could not get the hose for less than $1,40; Mr. Stover repudiated the hose bought by the city of Pittsburgh; he said there was nothing in the carbolizing of hose.

CHIEF ENGINEER CROW AGAIN.

Chief Crow, of Allegheny, recalled—The gentleman testified that he thought he was present when Mr. Stover signed the contract; have tested carbolic hose; have tested them with 250 pounds pressure; tested a section of hose to day in use three years last August; it stood 240 pounds and did not burst; would trust it at a fire now; if a steamer runs over them, they are liable to burst in about six months after.

A TRUCK MANUFACTURER ON THE STAND.

Mr. William Knoch, sworn—Am a carriage and wagon maker; we build trucks and hose carriages; have had several conversations with reporters of the *Leader* in reference to hose carriages and trucks; I never had any conversation with the reporter in regard to bribing the Commission; did tell a reporter that I did not attempt to bribe a Commissioner; I did go to the *Leader* office, and requested a contradiction in regard to bribing the Commission; don't think I ever spoke to any Commissioners in regard to commission on trucks; I never induced any; Mr. McIlroy and I had a conversation, and he said he had never received any commission on any truck or hose carriage, but in the East they always asked them how much the commission they wanted; in July last Mr. McIlroy told me it would not do to send the repairing over; the first time I saw Mr. McIlroy was in March last; Mr. Faber was present at the time; I think Faber was the man; that is my recollection; the time I refer to, is the time we were building the Columbia truck; I never offered any inducement to him; I cannot remember of any; we build hose carriages; I saw the last two hose carriages bought by the Pittsburgh Fire Department; I examined one of them and found a spring broken; thought they were not as good as those we built; the carriages factened to the shafts I did not think right; the springs have got enough to carry without the shafts; I did say, when I saw the springs broken, that they were not of good material; did not see anything wrong in the wood work; formed my opinion from the broken spring; I did speak to a reporter, and told him that I thought I

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than those bought by Pittsburgh; I did not say that the wood was rotten or defective in any way; the wood was sound; the spokes are right, and the weight is on the centre; had the carriage been gotten up on the platform principle, I think they would have stood better; don't think they would have been any cheaper for one horse; I built a wagon for Mr. McKelvey for the Department; I would take more jobs of that kind for the same money; did not want more money from Mr. McKelvey; Mr. McKelvey contracted for the wagon for $275; he showed de mourners, yes, and but three letters on it; and afterwards he came and told me that "Pittsburgh Fire Alarm Telegraph was to be painted on it; I asked ten dollars extra for that; it was paid.

MR. MCILROY RECALLED.

This gentleman stated that Mr. Knoch was correct in his testimony so far as he went; he had though had a conversation with Mr. Knoch previous to this, and he wanted me to use my influence for him in getting them the trucks to build of the Pittsburgh Department; he said, if I was looking for anything of that kind, he would make it an object for me and pay me well. I told Mr. Wilson of it that night and told him the same thing next morning. Mr. East had got around this way. Mr. Knoch then stated that he did not remember of such a conversation with Mr. McIlroy as he had just referred to. They guaranteed all their goods.

CLOSING PUSILADE.

Mr. Wilson—Mr. Chairman before you close the testimony I would like to have another session, as I have had arrested the prisoner, and had a sure charge against him, he ought to have had the preference.

At a regular meeting of the Pittsburgh Association for the Relief of the Poor, the following gentlemen were elected to serve as a committee to collect funds to enable the association to carry on its work during the Winter: Mr. C. J. Clarke, Mr. Wm. McCreery, Mr. H. K. Porter, Dr. Harris, Arthur Bell, Major Matthews, Mr. J. K. Jackson, Mr. Richard Waring, Rev. Mr. Dermott, Rev. Charles Twell, Mr. Joseph Albree, Mr. John McGreery, Mr. Richard Buell and Mr. C. L. Rose. These gentlemen are earnestly solicited to meet on Saturday at the Christian Association rooms, at ten o'clock.

Yesterday morning a number of the citizens of the Third Ward, Allegheny, who had signed the petition presented in the Court of Common Pleas, relative to the election in that ward, made affidavits stating that they had signed the document, not knowing of its real contents. It was set forth that the signers were at the polls on election day, and were personally aware of the petition they were signing. Those who were ask to have their names stricken from the petition say that they misunderstood its contents. They supposed that it was merely a petition for an investigation, and as they had heard rumors of frauds having been committed at the election. They also say that they had no actual knowledge of frauds, and many of them were not at the polls at all on that day. The affidavits will be presented to Court.

BREVITIES.

Paragraphic Pencilings of Passing Events.

The sunken portions of River avenue, Allegheny, are being refilled.

The prison authorities offer a hundred dollars reward for the recapture of the last escape.

The Committee on City Property of Allegheny met yesterday afternoon, and approved a number of bills.

The Superior rail mills in the Ninth ward, Allegheny, will resume about the 10th of January, which will be cheering news for many.

George Winderman, of Marshall township, had a leg broken on Saturday, by a log rolling upon him while he was at work among them.

Cole & Irwin will give away 500 loaves of bread Christmas morning, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, in their hall, 68 and 70 Fifth avenue.

A man named Gallagher was severely stabbed on Sunday evening during a fight in the neighborhood of the Clinton Mill, on the South Side.

Wm. Butts, a miner, was killed on Sunday, at Penn Station, Westmoreland county, by being run over by a train. His body was terribly mutilated.

Coroner McCallin, yesterday, held the inquest on the body of the unknown killed at Brilliant Station, on Saturday. A verdict of accidental death was rendered.

James Greisenger, a saloon keeper of Steubenville, shot Wm. Bolster in the shoulder on Saturday evening, for attempting to strike his wife. Bolster is not badly hurt.

Mr. Jackson D. Irwin, a son of John M. Irwin, died on Sunday evening at his father's residence on Grant street. Deceased was about 18 years of age. The cause of his death was consumption.

Gen. N. P. Banks, of Massachusetts, Henry Clay Warmouth, ex-Governor of Louisiana, and Gen. H. C. Hinman, of Louisville, Kentucky, were at the Union Depot Hotel, yesterday. The were *en route* to Washington.

The new Catholic church of St. Agnes, at Soho, in the Fourteenth ward, was dedicated on Sunday morning by Right Rev. M. Domenec. The pastor is Rev. J. Holland. A number of other clergymen also assisted in the exercises.

Thos. Christie lives in Swikily. Last evening he came to Allegheny, and about eight o'clock, somewhat intoxicated, he came to the Central Police office and stated that he had lost a pocket book containing one hundred dollars.

Frank Meyers, charged with stealing an overcoat from John Krelling, of Allegheny, was remanded to jail for Court by Deputy Mayor Neillis yesterday. There are other charges pending against him. Wesley Burk, charged with stealing a watch from William Schuster was also remanded.

The school teachers in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth wards, on the South, Side have expressed their willingness to continue their night schools without compensation until the 1st of February, the regular term expiring on the 31st inst. The respective Boards granted the necessary permission.

Yesterday the agents of the Singer Sewing Machine Company in this city made an information against Walter Wills, their cashier, charging him with embezzlement, before Alderman McMasters. It is alleged against him that he received $238, and sundry notes from ten dollars and upwards, which he negotiated and then "Grisered" the city. A warrant for his arrest has been issued.

Yesterday afternoon, on information of Samuel Harris, William Burk was arrested for disturbing the congregation of the John Wesley Colored church, on the hill. The parties named are also colored. Mr. Harris alleges that Buck came in drunk and raised a disturbance, and when requested to desist, he struck him. For this fun, was fined $25 dollars and costs by acting Mayor Butler.

Christ. Gelb, a saloon keeper, of Allegheny, yesterday made an information against Frederick Kuhn and Conrad Snyder, charging them with aggravated assault and battery, on last election day. The information was made before Deputy Mayor Neillie, before whom Gelb alleges that the Snyders struck him with a chair and laid him up till yesterday. George Dezer charges Gelb with selling liquor on both of last election days. Warrants were issued in all cases.

Sayles, who is now in jail on the charge of having assaulted and robbed Mr. John Morrison, on Penn street, while on his way to his home, has been identified by that gentleman. The watch stolen from him has been recovered, and the pawn-broker with whom it was pawned identified Sayles as the party who left it with him, under the name of Chas. Williams. A pair of boots, supposed to have been stolen, were also recovered. Officer Bloomfield recovered the property.

On yesterday morning Lieut. Irwin arrested a man named Frank Preston, charged with larceny, and the goods alleged to have been stolen, were found upon his person. He was taken to the lock-up, from whence, afterwards, Mr. Ramsay turned him over to the military authorities, who wanted him for larceny, at Frank Meyers. The Lieutenant thinks that as he had not arrested the prisoner, and had a sure charge against him, he ought to have had the preference.

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PERSONAL.

***John Ross, Esq., we understand, is lying seriously ill at his home at Shadyside.

***Mr. Z. Gillespie is a candidate in Allegheny for Street Commissioner in the Eastern District.

***W. M. Gormley, Esq., is a candidate for City Controller. Mr. Gormley is an old citizen, and is in every way a first class man in all respects.

***John A. Sargeant, Esq., is a candidate for City Controller. Mr. Sargeant is a good accountant, and no